GENERAL ORDER 09-5

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

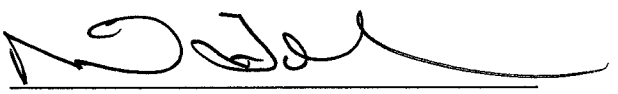
GENERAL ORDER REGARDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE LOCAL RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Local Rules Advisory Committee is responsible for providing the court with analysis and recommendations regarding the local rules of court. It shall consist of fourteen members: three groups of four attorneys serving staggered three year terms, and two standing members. The standing members are the United States Attorney or his or her designee, and the Federal Public Defender or his or her designee. The United States District Clerk serves as a scribe and researcher for the committee, provides staff support for committee meetings, and conveys local rule suggestions from judges and court staff to the committee for review.

The Court will seek to provide diverse geographic, racial, gender and practice-based[1] representation in its committee appointments. Geographic representation shall be as follows: Beaumont Division = three attorneys; Sherman Division = three attorneys; Tyler Division = three attorneys; Lufkin, Texarkana and Marshall Divisions = one attorney each. Membership appointments will be made by the judge(s) who serve in the division where the geographic vacancy occurs. Terms for rotating members commence on June 1 and expire on May 31. The committee chair is appointed by the chief judge and will serve a two year term as chair plus a third year *ex officio* assisting the new committee chair.

Signed this 2nd day of ~~January,~~ Feb. 2009.

FOR THE COURT:



DAVID FOLSOM
Chief Judge

[1]This means balanced representation from the plaintiffs' and defense bar and among criminal and civil practitioners.