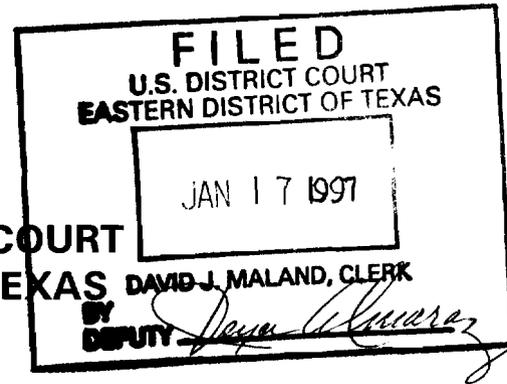


GENERAL ORDER NO. 97- 1

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



**GENERAL ORDER AMENDING ARTICLE FOUR OF THE CIVIL JUSTICE
EXPENSE AND DELAY REDUCTION PLAN**

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendment to this District's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan, having been approved by the judges of the court, is adopted for immediate implementation¹:

ARTICLE FOUR: MOTION PRACTICE

(1) ~~Dispositive motions shall not exceed thirty pages including authorities and attachments, unless leave of Court is first obtained. Likewise, a party opposing a dispositive motion shall limit the response to the motion to thirty pages, including authorities and attachments, unless leave of Court is first obtained.~~

(2) ~~Non-dispositive~~ motions shall not exceed fifteen pages including authorities and attachments, unless leave of Court is first obtained. Likewise, a party opposing a ~~non-dispositive~~ motion shall limit the response to the motion to fifteen pages, including authorities and attachments, unless leave of Court is first obtained.

(3) Motions filed by the parties shall be determined by the judicial officer as soon as practicable, and in any event within thirty days after filing of the response for non-dispositive motions. The Court shall employ its best efforts to dispose of dispositive motions such as summary judgment within sixty days.

¹New language appears in **redline** text; deleted language appears in **strikeout** text.

Signed this 16th day of January, 1997.

FOR THE COURT:

Richard A. Schell

RICHARD A. SCHELL
Chief Judge