

General Order 04-10

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

BY _____

GENERAL ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULE CV-10

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendment to the local rules, having been approved by the judges of this court, is adopted for immediate implementation.¹ This amendment shall be posted forthwith on the court's Internet website, found at www.txed.uscourts.gov.

LOCAL RULE CV-10 Form of Pleadings

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(e) Redaction of Personal Identifiers. The parties shall refrain from including, or shall redact where inclusion is necessary, the following personal identifiers from all documents filed with the court:

- (1) Social Security numbers. If an individual's Social Security number must be included in a document, only the last four digits of that number should be used.
- (2) Names of minor children. If the involvement of a minor must be mentioned, only the initials of that child should be used.
- (3) Dates the birth. If an individual's date of birth must be included in a document, only the year should be used.
- (4) Financial account numbers. If financial account numbers are relevant, only the last four digits of these numbers should be used.

The purpose of this rule is to avoid publication of sensitive personal information in court documents that are available on the Internet. The responsibility for redacting personal identifiers rests solely with counsel and the parties. The clerk will not review each pleading for compliance with this rule.

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¹New language appears in underlined text; deleted language appears in ~~strikeout~~ text.

Signed this 15th day of April, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:



THAD HEARTFIELD, CHIEF JUDGE