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

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**GENERAL ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULE CV-7(H) AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF
GENERAL ORDER 00-11**

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendments to Local Rule CV-7(h) and General Order 00-11, having been approved by the judges of this court, are adopted for immediate implementation:¹

1. **Certificate of Conference Requirement.** The certificate of conference requirement is amended as follows:

LOCAL RULE CV-7 Pleadings Allowed; Form of Motions

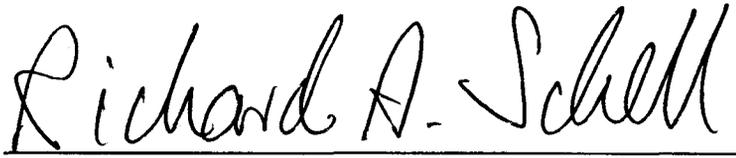
- (h) **Certificates of Conference.** In all non-prisoner cases, all motions must contain be accompanied by a certificate stating "certificate of conference" at the end of the motion. Except as indicated in this section, the certificate must state (1) that counsel has conferred with opposing counsel in a good faith attempt to resolve the matter without court intervention, and (2) whether the motion is opposed or unopposed. The moving party must provide an explanation in the certificate in instances where an attorney conference has not occurred prior to the filing of the motion. There are some situations where the opportunity to confer is effectively unavailable, or where it is inappropriate or impossible to confer. Examples of this include dispositive motions and motions made prior to the appearance of any defendants. Counsel shall not unnecessarily invoke this exception.

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

2. **Effective Date of Local Rule Amendments Contained in General Order 00-11.** The amendments to Local Rules CV-16 and CV-26 contained in General Order 00-11 continue to be effective in cases filed on or after December 1, 2000, absent court order to the contrary in a particular case. However, all other local rule amendments contained in General Order 00-11 are hereby made effective in all pending cases.

Signed this 26th day of March, 2001.

FOR THE COURT:



RICHARD A. SCHELL
Chief Judge