

**United States District Court
Eastern District of Texas**



How to file Unopposed Applications to Extend Time to
Answer the Complaint [LR CV-12]

Attorney Instructions
How to file Unopposed Applications to Extend Time to Answer the Complaint
Local Rule CV-12 - Texas Eastern District Court

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SUMMARY OF LOCAL RULE CV-12

Local Rule CV-12 allows an attorney to file an *unopposed application* with the clerk to extend the deadline for a defendant to answer the complaint or file a motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b). The clerk shall grant the application with dispatch as long as the initial request is for no more than 30 days, and any subsequent requests do not result in an overall extension exceeding 45 days.

*Please note that this procedure is very specific to Rule CV-12
and does not apply to all motions to extend deadlines.*

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One new event has been created to assist you in docketing your application. Only use this event if your application is **unopposed**:

Unopposed Application for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint

Before you docket the application event, complete the *Unopposed Application for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint* form. You will attach this form to your application docket entry. This form is available in pdf on the Texas Eastern District Court website under forms. The form number is UAET (02-2008).

PROCEDURE

- The *Unopposed Application for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint* event is found by clicking [Answer Extension Application](#) from the **Motions and Related Filings** category.



- Select the event by clicking the downward arrow and then click the event text. Click *Next* to continue.

Answer Extension Application

Unopposed Application for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint ▼

Next Clear

- Enter the case number. Click *Next* to continue.

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Answer Extension Application

Case Number

6:08-cv-1 99-12345, 1:99-cv-12345, 1-99-cv-12345, 99cv12345, or 1:99cv12345

Next Clear

- Attach your completed *Unopposed Application for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint* pdf. Select *No* for Attachments to Document. Click *Next* to continue.

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Answer Extension Application

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Select the pdf document (for example: C:\199cv501-21.pdf).

Filename

N:\test1.pdf Browse...

Attachments to Document: No Yes

Next Clear

- Select the filer. Click *Next* to continue.

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Select the filer.

Select the Party:

Anderson, James [Plaintiff] Add/Create New Party

Provines, David Dr Pepper Man [Defendant]

Next Clear

- Enter the application number. First, Second, Third etc. Click *Next* to continue.

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Application Number (i.e., First, Second):

- The docket text will appear. Click *Next* to continue.

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 (Galveston, Seagull)

- The final text will be displayed. Click **Next** to commit your transaction.

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Docket Text: Final Text
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Attention!! Pressing the NEXT button on this screen commits this transaction. You will have no further opportunity to modify this transaction if you continue.

- Your Notice of Electronic Filing is displayed. Congratulations, you're done.

Notice of Electronic Filing

The following transaction was entered by Galveston, Seagull on 2/5/2008 at 12:53 PM CST and filed on 2/5/2008

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Case Number: [6:08-cv-1](#)
Filer: David Dr Pepper Man Provines
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