

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

STANDING ORDER REGARDING PAGE AND TYPE-VOLUME LIMITATIONS

For cases pending before Judge Caroline M. Craven, the parties may comply with the page limitations by using:

- (1) page limitations in the Local Rules; *or*
- (2) type-volume equivalent (280 words per page) of page limitations in the Local Rules.

For example, under Local Rule CV-7(a)(1), case-dispositive motions shall be limited to 30 pages. Thus, the type-volume equivalent for a case-dispositive motion is 8,400 words.

Headings, footnotes, quotations, and text presented in tabulated form **do count** toward the type-volume limitations. The table of contents, table of citations, attachments, text presented in graphs or illustrations, and any certificates of counsel **do not count** toward the limitations.

All documents must still follow Local Rule CV-10(a) in that text **must be no smaller than 12-point type** and at least double-spaced for main body text (but headings, footnotes, and block quotations may be single-spaced). But as type-volume limitations free the parties from page space constraints, the parties are encouraged to use document design practices that increase the readability of a document, such as those outlined in: (1) [“Requirements and Suggestions for Typography in Briefs and Other Papers”](#) of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and (2) reputable legal style guides, including THE REDBOOK: A MANUAL ON LEGAL STYLE, 3d ed., by Bryan A. Garner.

A document filed using the type-volume limitations must include a certificate by the attorney, or an unrepresented party, that the document complies with the type-volume limitations.

The person preparing the certificate may rely on the word or line count of the word-processing system used to prepare the document. The certificate must state the number of words in the document. The following is a suggested form of a certificate of compliance:

This document complies with the type-volume limitations of Standing Order No. 2. This document is [state the number of words] words, excluding the parts exempted by the Local Rules or Standing Order No. 2.

If compliance with the type-volume requirement is in question, the Court may request the parties to submit the document in the word-processor's native file format. Non-compliance may result in the Court's rejection of the document pursuant to Local Rule CV-10(d).

A document that does not exceed page limitations in the Local Rules complies with the type-volume limitations without further question or certification. A document that exceeds *both* the page limitations in the Local Rules *and* the type-volume equivalent of the page limitations must comply with Local Rule CV-7(l).

It is SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 3rd day of November, 2014.


CAROLINE M. CRAVEN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE