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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 32.0

The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit previously provided notice of a proposed amendment to Local Rule 32.0 (Briefs, Petitions for Rehearing, and Other Papers: Computer Generated Disk Requirement). The Court of Appeals hereby provides notice of the adoption of the amendment with additional minor clarifying changes.

The amended rule requires a copy of briefs, petitions for rehearing, and other papers in excess of ten pages to be filed on disk in PDF rather than WordPerfect format. In addition, the amendment requires that any supplemental material that is bound with the paper version, such as an addendum, should be included on the disk.

A copy of Local Rule 32.0 with the amendments incorporated is attached. The change is effective immediately.

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Local Rule 32.0. Briefs, Petitions for Rehearing, and Other Papers: Computer Generated Disk Requirement

- (a) Where a party is represented by counsel, one copy of its brief, petition for rehearing, and, in addition, all other papers exceeding 10 pages in length must be submitted on a computer readable disk. The disk shall be filed at the time the party's paper filing is made. The brief on disk must be accompanied by nine paper copies of the brief. The disk shall contain the entire brief in a single electronic file. The label of the disk shall include the case name and docket number and identify the brief being filed (i.e. appellant's brief, appellee's brief, appellant's reply brief, etc.) and the file format utilized.
- (b) The brief, petition for rehearing, and, in addition, all other papers exceeding 10 pages in length must be in Portable Document Format (PDF). The electronic version must contain any supplemental material that is bound with the paper version, such as an addendum. Although the main document must be generated by saving in PDF from the original word processing file, supplemental material may be scanned if an original word processing file of that material is unavailable.
- (c) One copy of the disk may be served on each party separately represented by counsel. If a party chooses to serve a copy of the disk, the certificate of service must indicate service of the brief, petition for rehearing, and, in addition, all other papers exceeding 10 pages in length in both paper and electronic format.
- (d) A party may be relieved from filing and service under this rule by submitting a motion, within fourteen days after the date of the notice establishing the party's initial briefing schedule, certifying that undue hardship or other unusual circumstances preclude compliance. The requirements of this rule shall not apply to parties appearing pro se.