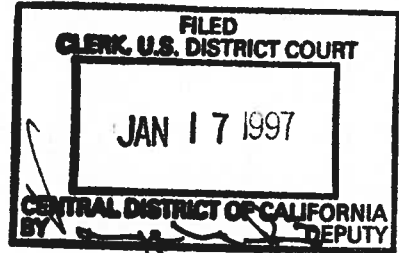


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL CIVIL )  
RULE 3, FORM OF PLEADINGS )  
AND PAPERS FILED WITH COURT )  
- AMENDED PLEADINGS )  
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 97-1

WHEREAS, the Judges of this Court have adopted revisions to Local Civil Rule 3, FORM OF PLEADINGS AND PAPERS FILED WITH COURT - AMENDED PLEADINGS, and

WHEREAS, the proposed new revisions and rules were published for public comment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 (b) and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules Of Civil Procedure and such comments as were made having been considered by the Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective February 3, 1997, Local Civil Rule 3 is amended, as follows:

**"RULE 3. FORM OF PLEADINGS AND PAPERS FILED WITH COURT  
- AMENDED PLEADINGS**

3.1 SIGNATURE OF COUNSEL - All documents, except declarations, shall be signed by the attorney for the party or the party appearing pro se. The name of the person signing the document shall be clearly typed below the signature line.

3.2 FACSIMILE DOCUMENTS - Documents may not be transmitted by facsimile directly to the clerk's office for filing. However, copies of facsimile documents shall be accepted for filing, provided that they meet the legibility requirement of Local Rule 3.4.1. The original of any faxed document, including the original signature of the attorney, party or declarant, shall be maintained by the filing party until the conclusion of the case, including any applicable appeal period, subject to being produced upon reasonable written notice."