

**Summary of Changes to the Local Rules of the United States District Court
for the District of Kansas
Effective March 1, 2024**

The United States District Court for the District of Kansas announces the amendment of five Local Rules of Practice, effective March 1, 2024.

Summary of Rule Changes:

LR 5.4.2(a) Sealed Documents, Provisional Under-Seal Filings – Substantive changes.

LR 6.1(d) Time, Time for Filing Responses and Replies – Substantive changes.

LR 7.3 Motions to Reconsider – Substantive changes.

LR 83.2.1 Photographs, Recordings, and Broadcasts – Removed the language referring to an expired pilot program to evaluate live audio streaming.

LR 83.5.3(a) Registration of Attorneys, Annual Registration – Substantive changes.

RULE 5.4.2
SEALED DOCUMENTS

The following procedure applies to under-seal filings in civil cases unless otherwise ordered by the court.

- (a) **Provisional Under-Seal Filings.** A party may provisionally file a document that it reasonably believes may contain confidential information under seal. The filing party ~~and~~ must either (i) simultaneously serve the provisionally sealed document on other parties by means other than filing it with the court's electronic filing system, such as by sending it via other authorized electronic means, or (ii) move for a court order that service on another party is not required. The document will be deemed filed as of ~~that the~~ date it is provisionally filed under seal so as to trigger subsequent filing deadlines and will remain provisionally sealed until further court order. The clerk's office will subsequently grant access to provisionally sealed documents to all attorneys who ~~have entered an appearance in the case and have not been terminated~~ are eligible to have access according to the court's Administrative Procedures.

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RULE 6.1
TIME

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- (d) **Time for Filing Responses and Replies.** ~~Except for motions filed under D. Kan. Rule 7.3 or u~~Unless the court orders otherwise, the following time periods apply to filing responses and replies:
- ~~(1) *Discovery-related motions.*— Discovery-related motions include those pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26-37 and 45. Responses to discovery motions must be filed within 14 days after the motion is served. Replies must be filed within 7 days after the response is served.~~
 - (1) *Dispositive and similar motions.* The deadlines set forth in this subsection apply to motions to dismiss, for judgment on the pleadings, to remand, to transfer, to compel arbitration, to certify or decertify a class or collective action, for summary judgment, to exclude expert testimony, for default judgment, for a new trial, to alter or amend the judgment, and for judgment. Responses to such motions must be filed within 21 days after the motion is served. Replies must be filed within 14 days after the response is served.
 - (2) *Motions for an extension of time or to exceed page limits.* The court may decide a motion for extension of time pursuant to D. Kan. Rule 6.1(a) or a motion to exceed page limits pursuant to D. Kan. Rule 7.1(d)(4) without awaiting further briefing. A party that wants to file a response should promptly notify chambers of that fact.
 - (3) *Motions to reconsider.* The court may deny a motion to reconsider pursuant to D. Kan. Rule 7.3 without awaiting a response or the court may set a response deadline. No response is necessary unless the court establishes a response deadline.

- (24) *Other motions.* Responses to all other motions must be filed within ~~21~~14 days after the motion is served. Replies must be filed within ~~14~~7 days after the response is served.

RULE 7.3 MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER

Except for motions under [Fed. R. Civ. P. 59\(e\)](#) or [60](#), parties seeking reconsideration of a court order must file a motion within 14 days after the order is served unless the court extends the time. A motion to reconsider must be based on:

- (1) an intervening change in controlling law;
- (2) the availability of new evidence; or
- (3) the need to correct clear error or prevent manifest injustice.

~~Upon reviewing a motion to reconsider, the court may deny the motion without further briefing or set a deadline for response. No response to a motion to reconsider is necessary unless the court establishes a response deadline.~~

RULE 83.2.1 PHOTOGRAPHS, RECORDINGS, AND BROADCASTS

Except for devices used in connection with official court records, the following are prohibited in the courthouse: (1) radio or television broadcasting; and (2) the use of reproduction or recording equipment that is (a) photographic, (b) electronic, or (c) mechanical. Ceremonial proceedings such as the administration of oaths of office to appointed officials of the court, naturalization, and presentation of portraits or awards may be photographed in or broadcast from the courtroom, only with permission and under the supervision of the court. This rule does not apply to employees who work in the courthouse, or to use of courtrooms by other government agencies.

~~There is a limited exception to the ban on recording and publication of district court proceedings as set forth in these rules for district judges participating in a pilot program established by the Judicial Conference of the United States in March 2020 (JCUS-MAR-2020, p. 9) to evaluate streaming of live audio of oral arguments in civil cases.~~

~~Any recording and broadcasting conducted pursuant to the pilot program must comply with the program guidelines issued by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, pursuant to the pilot program (available at www.uscourts.gov).~~

RULE 83.5.3
REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS

(a) Annual Registration.

- (1) *In General.* All attorneys admitted to the practice of law before this court, except as set out in paragraphs (b) and (c) below, must complete annual registration on or before June 30 through the online portal. ~~annually—on or before the first day of July—register with the clerk on such forms as the clerk prescribes.~~
- (2) *CLE Certification, Local Rules Familiarization, and Pro Bono.* During registration, As a part of the registration form, the registrant~~s~~ must certify that,
 - (A) in the preceding 12-month period, the attorney has ~~he or she has~~ earned at least the minimum number of continuing legal education credit hours required by the Rules of the Supreme Court of Kansas ~~relating to continuing legal education;~~
 - (B) the attorney has ~~he or she~~ read and is familiar with the District of Kansas Local Rules; and
 - (C) the attorney ~~he or she~~ acknowledges the obligation to render pro bono services as set forth in Kansas Rules of Professional Conduct 6.1 and 6.2 .
- (3) *Reciprocal Admission.* If admitted to practice before this court solely because of admission to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, the registrant must certify that the attorney ~~he or she~~ has earned the minimum number of credit hours required by the rules of the Missouri Supreme Court and the Western District of Missouri related to continuing legal education.
- (4) *Annual Fees.* Registrants must pay the annual fee on or before June 30 unless excused from payment under paragraphs (b) or (c) below. Fees received on or after July 1 must include an additional \$100 late fee prior to reinstatement. At the time of each registration, the registrant, if not excused by these rules from payment, must pay an annual fee in such amount as the court orders for the ensuing 12-month period. Any fee received after July 31 shall be accompanied by the \$100 re-registration fee.
- (5) *Registration Card.* The clerk will issue an attorney registration card to all registrants. ~~to each attorney duly registered hereunder a registration card on a form approved by the court.~~