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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE:)
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ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO)
LOCAL RULE NO. 7-131)
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 379

Good cause appearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Judges of the Eastern District of California hereby adopt the attached amendment to Local Rule 7-131, **effective April 10, 2000.**

DATED: April 3, 2000.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM B. SHUBB, Chief Judge
Eastern District of California

RULE 7-131
COUNSEL IDENTIFICATION, SIGNATURES,
AND FACSIMILE DOCUMENTS

(a) Counsel Identification. The name, address, telephone number, and the California State Bar membership number of all counsel (or, if in propria persona, of the party) and the specific identification of each party represented by name and interest in the litigation (e.g., plaintiff Smith, defendant Jones) shall appear in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of each document presented for filing, except that in the instance of multi-party representation reference may be made to the signature page for the complete list of parties represented. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 11; L.R. 83-180, 83-182; Cal. Rules of Court 201(e).

(b) Signatures. All pleadings *and non-evidentiary documents* shall be signed by the individual attorney for the party presenting them, or by the party involved if that party is appearing in propria persona. *Affidavits and certifications shall be signed by the person executing the document.* The name of the person signing the document shall be typed underneath the signature. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.

(c) Facsimile Documents. *For purposes of this rule, the image of the original manual signature appearing on a facsimile (fax) copy filed pursuant to this Rule shall constitute an original signature for all court purposes. The document, which itself may be in whole or in part a fax copy, must be marked "original" prior to submission to the Clerk's Office for filing. The originator of the document, or in the case of an affidavit or certification, the presenting attorney or party, is required to maintain the document containing the original manual signature until the conclusion of the case, including any appeal and remand after appeal. In the event there are multiple signatories to a document, the filing party or attorney shall retain the originally signed document(s).*

The Court may require that the document containing the original manual signature be filed.

This Rule does not provide for documents to be transmitted via fax directly to the Clerk's Office. Documents directly faxed to the Clerk or to a chambers of the Court will not be filed, lodged, received, returned, or acknowledged.