

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: ORDER AMENDING
LOCAL RULE 7.2(a)(1)(B)

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Given the increasing availability and expanded use of cellular telephone, telefax, e-mail, and video transmission technology to facilitate communication, there is no longer a need for the requirement of face to face consultation, as specified in Local Rule 7.2 (a) (1) (B).

Pursuant to the rule-making authority granted the court by 28 U.S.C. § 2071, and in conformance with the decision of the court reached at its August 23, 2001 judges' meeting, Local Rule 7.2(a)(1)(B) is hereby amended by striking the second sentence of the second paragraph, commencing "If counsel are residents of the same county..." through the fourth sentence which ends, "consultation may be by telephone or letter." The revised paragraph thus reads:

The certificate must contain the names of participating counsel and the date and manner of consultation. The burden will be on counsel filing the motion to initiate the conference upon giving reasonable notice of the time, manner and specific nature of the conference. If an opposing counsel or party refuses to cooperate in the conduct of a conference, counsel must file a certificate to that effect, setting out counsel's efforts to comply with this rule.

The Clerk of Court shall cause notice of this amendment to be published both in print and on the court's web page for a period of thirty days, and thereafter furnish a copy of Amended Local Rule 83.3 (d) (1) to the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit.

DONE and ORDERED at Jackson, Tennessee, on this 18th day of September, 2001.

FOR THE COURT: James D. Todd
James D. Todd
Chief United States District Judge