

Nov 20, 2025

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

IN RE: AMENDING LOCAL CIVIL
RULE 5.2 – PRIVACY PROTECTION
FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FILINGS
MADE TO THE COURT

GENERAL
ORDER NO. 2025-22

WHEREAS, the Court has determined that an amendment to Local Civil Rule 5.2's treatment of the *Administrative Record* is necessary to promote intended access to the official court record and the just, speedy, and inexpensive administration of proceedings in this District; and

WHEREAS, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83(a)(1) permits a district court to adopt and amend local rules governing practice in the court after giving public notice and an opportunity for comment;

THE COURT FINDS the proposed amendment to Local Civil Rule 5.2, attached as Exhibit No. 1 to this General Order, appropriate for notice and publication for public comment;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed amendment to Local Civil Rule 5.2, reflected in

1 Exhibit No. 1 to this General Order. Comments must be submitted on or before
2 **December 19, 2025**. Comments may be submitted by email to
3 localrules@waed.uscourts.gov, or via USPS Mail to Clerk of Court, US District
4 Court, P.O. Box 1493, Spokane, WA 99210-1493, with the notation “Comments
5 on Proposed Amendment to Local Civil Rule 5.2.”

6 The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, provide copies
7 to the United States Attorney’s Office, the Federal Bar Association for the Eastern
8 District of Washington, and any other interested person who requests a copy. The
9 District Court Executive is further directed to post this General Order and the full
10 text of the proposed amendment on the Court’s public website.

11 DATED this 20th day of November 2025.

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14 STANLEY A. BASTIAN
15 Chief United States District Judge
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Exhibit No. 1 to General Order 2025-22

Proposed Amendment to LCivR 5.2

(c) Limitation on Access to Social-Security Appeals and Immigration Cases. Unless the court orders otherwise, in an action for benefits under the Social Security Act, and in an action or proceeding relating to an order of removal, to relief from removal, or to immigration benefits or detention, access to an electronic file is authorized as follows:

(1) the parties and their attorneys may have remote electronic access to any part of the case file, including the administrative record;

(2) any other person may have electronic access at the courthouse to the full record, ~~except the administrative record~~, and may have remote electronic access only to:

(A) the docket maintained by the court; and

(B) an opinion, order, judgment, or other disposition of the court, but not any other part of the case file or the administrative record.

(d) through (h) [Reserved].