



United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
LOCAL PATENT RULES FOR
ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2013**

CHICAGO -March 1, 2013 — The judges of the Northern District of Illinois have amended the court's Local Patent Rules, and included the Local Patent Rules for Electronically Stored Information. The purpose of the amendment is to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of patent cases and to promote, whenever possible, the early resolution of disputes regarding the discovery of electronically stored information without court intervention.

The Local Patent Rules for Electronically Stored Information are based on the Seventh Circuit Electronic Discovery Pilot Program Principles and the Federal Circuit Model Order on E-Discovery. The Rules are effective March 1, 2013, and are available on the court's web site, www.ilnd.uscourts.gov, under Local Patent Rules and Local Patent Rules for Electronically Stored Information. Please click [here](#) to go directly to the Court's Local Patent Rules for Electronically Stored Information.

The court's amendments to the Local Patent Rules were drafted by a committee of experienced lawyers, who are affiliated with the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC), and five judges: Judge Matthew Kennelly, who chaired the drafting committee; Judge James Zagel; Judge Amy St. Eve; Chief Judge James Holderman; and Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier.

The eight lawyers of the drafting committee were Allan Sternstein of Dykema Gossett; Bradford Lyerla of Jenner & Block; Dean Monco of Wood Phillips; Edward Manzo of Husch Blackwell; Michael Padden of Levenfeld Pearlstein; Meredith Addy of Steptoe & Johnson; Paul Vickrey of Niro, Haller & Niro; and Amy Crout Ziegler of Greer, Burns & Crain.

Chief Judge Holderman stated:

We judges are grateful for the time and the detailed analysis the lawyers on the drafting committee devoted to this endeavor. We are also grateful to the people who took the time to comment during the public comment period. Each comment was considered, and revisions were made as a result of the comments received. This truly was a collaborative effort among the lawyers and judges who participated in the preparation and revision of the Rules. In our continuing effort to provide justice to all parties, we look forward to implementing these Rules in a manner that will assist the fair and just resolution of patent cases in our Court.