

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF IMPLEMENTING THE  
AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF  
CIVIL PROCEDURE EFFECTIVE  
DECEMBER 1, 2000

GENERAL ORDER NO. 34

In light of certain amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure which -- after being proposed by the Judicial Conference of the United States on September 15, 1999, and approved by the Supreme Court of the United States on April 17, 2000 -- took effect on December 1, 2000, this Court concludes that it may no longer "opt out" of certain requirements set out in those Rules. The Court further concludes that certain changes to its Local Rules must be made to reflect the said recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Accordingly, the Court finds and orders as follows:

1. Since the most recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure remove the authority for a court to "opt out" of certain discovery requirements by local rule, this Court's General Order No. 25, dated February 2, 1994, should be and hereby is rescinded.

2. In order to bring their local rules into compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas have amended Local Rules 5.5, 16.1, 16.2, 26.1, 26.2 and 33 effective December 1, 2000. Those

amendments are hereby officially adopted by this Court effective  
December 1, 2000.

Dated this 1 day of December, 2000.



**JIMM LARRY HENDREN**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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