

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

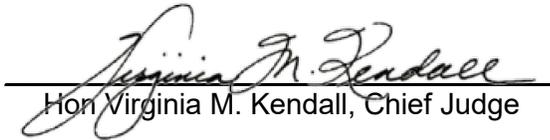
## PROPOSED LOCAL RULE 79.1.1

On April 24, 2025, the full Court approved a proposed Local Rule 79.1.1 – Digital Media Exhibits to be added to the Civil Rules of this Court as attached:

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**COMMENT:** By direction of the full Court and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e) regarding appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment, the Clerk is directed to: (a) cause notice of the proposed Local Rule 79.1.1 to be published in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, (b) cause notice of the proposed local rule and requests for comment to be posted on the web site for the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, (c) cause notice of the proposed local rule to be posted in the Courthouses at Chicago and Rockford, (d) indicate in such notice a final date for receipt of comments, which date shall be sixty days from the first date of publication in the *Law Bulletin*, (e) collect and distribute among the members of the Advisory Committee for Local Rules all comments received, and (f) following receipt of a copy of the report and recommendation of the Advisory Committee, distribute copies of the comments together with copies of the report and recommendation among the members of the Court for consideration at a regular meeting of the full Court.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

  
Hon Virginia M. Kendall, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 14th day May 2025

## **LR 79.1.1 Digital Media Exhibits**

A. **Filing or Other Submission:** Digital media exhibits that are filed or otherwise submitted to the court are to be submitted through the portal on the court's website found **HERE**, unless otherwise directed by the court.

B. **Definition:** The term "digital media exhibits" as used in this rule means files that are in an electronic audio and/or video format (.mp4, .mov, .mp3, .wav, etc.). Picture or text files (.jpeg, .png, .docx, .txt, etc.) are not considered digital media exhibits under this rule and are not to be submitted through the portal referenced in paragraph A of this rule. Such files are to be submitted through the court's case management system as a PDF.

C. **Designation:** For the purposes of this local rule, a digital media file must be classified at the time of filing or submission as one of the following:

1. **Public Record:** A digital media exhibit submitted to the Clerk's Office and available to the public when requested. A member of the public may place an order with the Clerk's Office to be provided with an electronic copy of the exhibit subject to payment of the appropriate fee set by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

2. **Sealed:** A digital media exhibit submitted to the Court under the procedures found in LR 5.8 and LR 26.2. An exhibit submitted under this designation will not be available to the public. The filing party must serve an unredacted copy of the exhibit on any other party, unless otherwise ordered.

3. **Ex Parte:** When Court ordered, a digital media exhibit submitted with this designation will only be available to the assigned judge. The public and other parties will not have access to this exhibit.

The Clerk of Court will change the classification of any digital media exhibit when ordered by the Court.