



Circuit Court Nineteenth
Judicial Circuit Lake
County, Illinois

Regarding Contested Motions

Including page limits and courtesy copies

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Dear Counsel/Party,

The following is intended to assist in understanding our Local Rules concerning contested motions. You will note that our rules limit:

- briefs/motions and responses (including supporting memoranda) to 15 pages LCR 2-1.02 (B)(1),
- and reply briefs (including supporting memoranda) to 5 pages LCR 2-1.02 (B)(2),
- Courtesy copies, indicating the date of the hearing, should be delivered to the judge's chambers 5 days before the hearing LCR 2-1.02 (C). Any challenged pleading should also be provided, e.g., for a motion to dismiss, the complaint should be provided with the courtesy materials LCR 2-1.02 (C)(2).

Special rules apply to Motions for Summary Judgment [see LCR 2-1.04]
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Thank you.

Judge Charles W. Smith

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Local Rule 2-1.02 Contested Motions

A. For purposes of LCR 2-1.02, any Motion which is opposed is a contested motion and may be heard at the end of the call or at such other time designated by the Court.

B. Page Limitations.

1. No Motion or Response shall exceed fifteen typewritten double-spaced pages without prior approval of the Court. This page limit includes any separately filed Memorandum or Brief in support of a Motion or Response.

2. No Reply or Memorandum in support thereof shall exceed five typewritten pages without prior leave of Court. Any such Brief or Memorandum shall be limited to responding to new matters raised in the opponent's Response Brief or Memorandum.

3. Neither narrow margins nor any other formatting device shall be employed to evade the page limitations set forth in this Rule. Footnotes, if any, shall be used sparingly.

4. Failure to comply with this Rule shall be sufficient grounds for striking the Motion, Response, or Reply, or for the Court's refusal to consider the excess pages of the document and to consider the matters contained therein to have been waived.

C. For every contested motion, including those brought pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 219, Supreme Court Rule 137 or Sections 2-615, 2-619, 2-619.1 or 2-1005 of the Code of Civil Procedure, movant's counsel shall deliver to the chambers of the assigned Judge, not less than five court days prior to hearing, a copy of:

1. the Motion,
2. any challenged pleading, and
3. any writing in support of or in opposition to the Motion.

D. Not less than five court days prior to hearing, a party shall provide the Court and all opposing counsel with a complete citation to any case or other authority upon which the party intends to rely on in oral argument and which is not included in a supporting or opposing writing; and the party shall provide the Court with a full copy of any decision of a State Court outside the State of Illinois. Any cover letter delivered to the Court in compliance with the above requirements shall be copied to all counsel of record.

E. Any writing in support of or in opposition to a Motion shall be served upon the opposing party at the time of service of Notice of Motion, or, if not then available, as soon thereafter as practicable and prior to hearing on said Motion.