

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE

On May 13, 2008, an Order was entered in accordance with resolution of the judges of the United States District Court that there is an immediate need pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e) to amend Rule 40.1(b)(3)(B) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure to read as follows:

~~All habeas corpus petitions filed by the same individual shall be deemed related. All habeas corpus petitions, pro se civil rights actions and social security appeals filed by the same individual shall be deemed related to a prior case filed in the same category of federal question cases. All pro se civil rights actions by the same individual shall be deemed related.~~

The court approved and adopted the amendment to Local Civil Rule 40.1(b)(3)(B), having determined that the local bar leaders who practice in this area, both plaintiffs' and defendants' counsel, requested that the court amend the local rule to add a provision that all Social Security appeals filed by the same individual be deemed as "related cases," for purposes of assignment to a judge, and having determined that the judges of the Court's Civil Business Committee support the amendment.

As the amended Rule is effective immediately upon the entry of the Order adopting the Rule, the court has prescribed a period of 30 days afforded for the purpose of solicitation of comment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §2071(e). Those wishing to comment on amended Local Civil Rule 40.1(b)(3)(B) may do so by submitting their comments in writing to Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Room 2609, Philadelphia, PA 19106, or by accessing the court's website at www.paed.uscourts.gov, no late than close of business, Friday, June 13, 2008.

FOR THE COURT:


HARVEY BARTLE III,
Chief Judge