## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA MECKLENBURG COUNTY

## IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

## AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

(Amends Order dated October 18, 2013)

It has been customary for attorneys to submit briefs and notebooks to the Superior Court judges assigned to hold court in Courtroom 6310 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse (the Civil Motions Court). In recent years, the number and length of briefs, the content of the notebooks and the volume of paper has increased to the point that the submissions are often more burdensome than helpful to the judges in ruling upon motions. Furthermore, the excessive length of briefs and the unnecessary copying of documents contributes to waste of paper and unnecessary expense for litigants. In order to permit the efficient hearing of motions and to enable judges to rule expeditiously upon the motions,

## IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Attorneys appearing in Courtroom 6310 may submit briefs in support of or in opposition to motions calendared for hearing in the courtroom. However, the submission of briefs is not mandatory. Briefs shall be printed in not less than 12-point type and shall not exceed 15 pages of double-spaced text, excluding the certificate of service. A party shall submit only one brief; reply briefs are not permitted. Parties who are jointly represented by a law firm shall join together in a single brief. Copies of appellate decisions cited in a brief shall not be attached to the brief.
- 2. As an alternative to briefs, attorneys may in their discretion submit copies of the primary appellate decisions upon which they intend to rely during argument upon the motion. Submission of copies of decisions shall be in lieu of, not in addition to the filing of briefs.

  The pertinent portions of the submitted decisions shall be highlighted.
- 3. Attorneys may submit pertinent portions of deposition transcripts and relevant exhibits that are not contained in the court file. It shall not be necessary to file the entire transcript of a deposition. Copies of pleadings, affidavits and other documents required to be filed

- with the Clerk of Superior Court shall not be submitted separately to the presiding judge inasmuch as the judge will have access to the court file during a hearing on the motion.
- 4. Affidavits in support of or opposition to a motion shall be filed with the courtroom clerk in Courtroom 6310. Copies of the affidavits shall be timely delivered to the opposing party as required by the N.C. Rules of Civil Procedure, but, in no event, less than two days before the scheduled date of the hearing.
- 5. Copies of briefs, appellate decisions submitted in lieu of a brief, deposition transcript excerpts, exhibits and other documents to be submitted to the presiding judge shall be delivered to the opposing party not later than two days before the date of the hearing.
- 6. When a motion to compel discovery is filed and the basis of the motion is that discovery responses are incomplete or nonresponsive, the movant's attorney must submit to the presiding judge a document showing the interrogatories or request for production of documents, the related answers or responses movant deems incomplete or nonresponsive, and the reason movant deems the answer or response to be incomplete or nonresponsive.
- 7. A failure to comply with the terms of this Order may result in a refusal by the presiding judge to consider materials that are in violation of this Order and/or a continuance of the hearing.
- 8. This Order does not apply to requests for the issuance of a temporary restraining order.

This the 16th day of December, 2013

Richard D. Boner

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge