

**Senior U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt
Practice Preferences**

CRIMINAL CASES:

Sentencing Briefs/Memoranda shall not exceed ten (10) pages and must be filed on or before the Thursday preceding the first day of the court session at which the sentencing is set; any exhibits attached to or filed in support of such briefs/memoranda shall not exceed ten (10) pages.

In regard to cases set for sentencing, no oral testimony with regard to character evidence will be received. Character letters, affidavits, or other written communications in that respect shall not exceed a total of ten (10) pages and shall be furnished to the court on or before the Thursday preceding the first day of the court session at which the sentencing is set.

Counsel are requested to review the attached memorandum regarding hearings on motions for downward departure: [Rule 35 Motions](#)

In all cases for trial, in addition to filing, counsel shall submit documents required by Local Criminal Rules 24.1. and 30.1, E.D.N.C., electronically to:
documents_judge_britt@nced.uscourts.gov (this email address is receipt only).

CIVIL CASES:

If a case is settled but the documents necessary to effectuate the settlement are not filed prior to 4:00p.m. On the last business day preceding calendar call, counsel are not relieved of their obligation to attend calendar call.

The attention of counsel is directed to Local Civil Rules 45.1, 48.1 and 54.2, E.D.N.C.

The court encourages full exercise of civil trial jurisdiction by magistrate judges pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

All counsel are reminded to review Local Civil Rules 39.1-39.4, E.D.N.C.

In all cases, in addition to filing, counsel shall submit documents required by Local Civil Rules 39.1, 51.1, and 52.1, E.D.N.C., electronically to: documents_judge_britt@nced.uscourts.gov (this email address is receipt only).

OTHER INFORMATION:

Send proposed orders electronically in a word processing format (preferably WordPerfect) to: documents_judge_britt@nced.uscourts.gov

Exhibits may be used during opening statements only by agreement of counsel.

Scheduling conflicts must be resolved by compliance with the Guidelines for Resolving Scheduling Conflicts, rather than by motion.

Counsel shall provide a courtesy copy of any motion, memorandum, or brief which exceeds 30 pages or of any exhibits which exceed a total of 30 pages, by mailing or delivering to the clerk's office in Raleigh.

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