

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
LOCAL PATENT RULES
OF
PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE¹

December 2017

Affected Local Patent Rule	Change in Rule
302.1	Amended subsection (a) to require attorneys to address additional topics during the Rule 26(f) conference.
302.2	Amended to provide for a standing Patent Protective Order that will govern patent cases in this district.
303.3	Amended to require additional specificity with regard to invalidity contentions.
303.6	Amended to allow parties to amend their infringement and invalidity contentions more freely.
303.7	Amended to allow parties to amend their infringement and invalidity contentions more freely.

¹ This summary was prepared by the Clerk's Office as a guide to the changes to the Local Patent Rules and should not substitute for reading the full text of the amendments. This summary is not intended to serve as legal advice or commentary on the changes to the Local Patent Rules. The summary does not include minor stylistic changes or technical amendments.