

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
LOCAL PATENT RULES  
OF  
PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE<sup>1</sup>

June 2017

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

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