



## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **FEDERAL RULE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE NEW SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CASES**

Effective December 1, 2022, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will be amended to add Supplemental Rules for Social Security review cases under 42 U.S.C § 405(g) (“Supplemental SSA Rules”). The highlights of the new Supplemental SSA Rules, which largely tracks the district’s SSA local rule (LR 9.1), are as follows:

- Outlines specific information that must be included in the complaint;
- Eliminates the need for service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4, and provides for electronic service on the Commissioner of Social Security by Notice of Electronic Filing sent to the SSA’s Office of General Counsel and the USAO for the district where the action is filed;
- Provides that the administrative record may serve as the answer to the complaint and shall be filed within 60 days; and
- Provides a briefing schedule for the plaintiff’s brief (30 days after answer), Commissioner’s brief (30 days after plaintiff’s brief) and plaintiff’s reply brief (14 days after Commissioner’s brief).

Because the new federal rule is nearly identical to the court’s local rule, LR 9.1 has been amended only to remove the redundant provision on service and to extend the reply brief deadline from 7 days to 14 days. To obtain a copy of the court’s local rules effective December 1, 2022, click [here](#).

For questions or additional information please contact the Clerk’s Office at (603) 225-1423.

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Clerk of Court