



**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT**

**ORDER ADOPTING AND AMENDING
LOCAL APPELLATE RULES**

PRESENT: CHAGARES, **Chief Judge**, JORDAN, HARDIMAN, GREENAWAY, JR., SCHWARTZ, KRAUSE, RESTREPO, BIBAS, PORTER, MATEY, PHIPPS, FREEMAN, MONTGOMERY-REEVES, and CHUNG, **Circuit Judges**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Appellate Rule 26.1 and an amendment to L.A.R. Misc. 113.3(c) are adopted by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit as supplementary to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. These rules are effective July 1, 2023 and supersede all prior editions and all prior orders amending the Local Appellate Rules.

s/ Michael A. Chagares

Chief Judge

DATED: May 2, 2023

A true copy:
s/Patricia S. Dodszeit
Clerk

L.A.R. 26.0

COMPUTING AND EXTENDING TIME

26.1 Deadline for Filing

- (a) Unless a different time is set by a statute, local rule, or court order:
 - (1) documents received by the Clerk by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day for filing will be considered timely filed;
 - (2) documents received after 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day for filing will be considered untimely filed; and
 - (3) for documents filed electronically, the filer must complete the transaction by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day for filing for the filing to be considered timely.
- (b) L.A.R. 26.1 applies to documents filed after the initiation of a proceeding in the court of appeals. It does not apply to documents that initiate an appeal or other proceeding in the court of appeals.
- (c) Pursuant to L.A.R. 31.1(b)(1) and L.A.R. Misc. 113, registered ECF filers must file briefs and appendices electronically and the deadline established in L.A.R. 26.1(a) applies. The deadline established in L.A.R. 26.1(a) does not apply to the submission of briefs and appendices, if:
 - (1) a party is not a registered ECF filer and is permitted to file non-electronic briefs and appendices in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(2)(A)(ii); or
 - (2) a party is providing paper copies of previously filed electronic briefs and appendices.
- (d) The deadline established in L.A.R. 26.1(a) does not apply to documents filed by inmates in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(2)(A)(iii).

Source: None

Cross-References: Fed. R. App. P. 26(a); L.A.R. 25; L.A.R. Misc. 113

Comments: Fed. R. App. P. 26(a)(4) defines the end of the last day of filing in the court of appeals as “midnight in the time zone of the circuit clerk’s principal office” for electronic filing and “when the Clerk’s office is scheduled to close” for other means of transmission of documents to the clerk’s office. This rule applies “[u]nless a different time is set by statute, local rule, or court order.” L.A.R. 26.1 relies upon this authority.

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113.3 Consequences of Electronic Filing

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(c) ~~Except as stated in L.A.R. 26.1, Filing must be completed by midnight on the last day Eastern Time 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day~~ to be considered timely filed that day.

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Comments: Rules on electronic filing were added in 2008. ~~Time changed to midnight in 2010 to conform to amendments to FRAP.~~ The rule was amended to conform to the 2023 amendment to L.A.R. 26.1.