



## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

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

Effective December 1, 2022, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“Civil Rules”) have been amended to add Supplemental Rules for Social Security review cases under 42 U.S.C § 405(g) (“Supplemental SSA Rules”). The Civil Rules and the district’s local rules continue to apply to actions for review under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the Supplemental SSA Rules. The highlights of the new Supplemental SSA Rules, which largely tracks the district’s SSA local rules (LR 16.1(a)(7) and 16.3), 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 United States Attorney Office 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 of the receipt of notice of the action; 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).

For questions or additional information, please contact the Clerk’s Office at (907) 677-6100.

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