



United States District Court  
**DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**LR 79.1 CUSTODY AND DISPOSITION OF EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS**

**(a) Custody of the Clerk.** Ordinarily, a party must deliver to the clerk or the courtroom deputy all exhibits introduced into evidence at a hearing or trial, and the clerk or courtroom deputy will keep custody of the exhibits. But exhibits such as drugs, legal or counterfeit money, firearms, or contraband may be entrusted to the custody of the arresting or investigative government agency pending disposition of a case and during any subsequent appeal period.

**(b) Withdrawal of Original Exhibits and Documents.** A person may withdraw an original exhibit or document from the custody of the clerk or another court officer only:

(1) by leave of court, and

(2) after leaving a proper receipt with the clerk or officer.

**(c) Sealed Documents.** The clerk must not disclose or make available documents that are filed under seal, unless the court orders otherwise.

[Adopted effective February 1, 1991; amended November 1, 1996; amended May 1, 2000; amended October 18, 2007; amended May 14, 2013]

**2013 Advisory Committee's Note to LR 79.1**

The language of LR 79.1 has been amended in accordance with the restyling process described in the 2012 Advisory Committee's Preface on Stylistic Amendments.

Former subsections (d) and (e) concerning the removal and disposition of sealed documents have been eliminated. All documents, including sealed documents that are filed as part of the case record, are maintained in the case record in accordance with the records-disposition schedule approved by the Judicial Conference and the Archivist of the United States.

**1996 Advisory Committee's Note to LR 79.1**

To facilitate reference, the portion of the 1991 version of LR 79.1 that relates to filing of discovery documents has been moved to LR 26.4.