



United States District Court
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

LR 9.1 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

A plaintiff suing the Commissioner of Social Security under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) must serve—but not file—the plaintiff’s social security number with the complaint. The complaint will not be dismissed for failure to comply with this rule.

[Adopted effective February 1, 1991; amended September 24, 2009; amended May 14, 2013; amended March 13, 2018]

2018 Advisory Committee’s Note to LR 9.1

Local Rule 9.1 formerly required that a plaintiff suing the Commissioner of Social Security under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) serve and file both the complaint and the plaintiff’s social security number. Under the amended rule, only the complaint must be both served and filed; the plaintiff’s social security number must be served but not filed. Plaintiffs should bear in mind that, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i), the complaint and the plaintiff’s social security number must be served on both the Commissioner and the United States Attorney’s Office.

2013 Advisory Committee’s Note to LR 9.1

The language of LR 9.1 has been amended in accordance with the restyling process described in the 2012 Advisory Committee’s Preface on Stylistic Amendments.

A new provision, subsection (b), has been added to clarify that the required paper containing the worker’s social security number will be filed under seal.

1991 Advisory Committee’s Note to LR 9.1

See LR 7.2 for motion practice in Social Security cases.