



United States District Court
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

LR 9.3 STANDARD FORMS FOR HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS AND MOTIONS BY PRISONERS

The following documents must be filed on forms that are substantially the same as forms available from the clerk:

- petitions for a writ of habeas corpus;
- motions under 28 U.S.C. § 2255; and
- complaints by prisoners under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 or any other civil-rights statute.

[Adopted effective February 1, 1991; amended July 23, 2012]

2012 Advisory Committee's Note to LR 9.3

The language of LR 9.3 has been amended in accordance with the restyling process described in the 2012 Advisory Committee's Preface on Stylistic Amendments.

1991 Advisory Committee's Note to LR 9.3

This rule modifies former D. Minn. Local Rule 15 (1987). The requirement that the pleadings be "in writing, signed and verified" was deleted on grounds that it was duplicative of the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and, to some extent, Fed.R.Civ.P. 11. The rule only requires "substantial compliance" with forms supplied by the Clerk of Court in recognition of the fact that the Supreme Court and Congress have generally avoided strict compliance with forms submitted by pro se petitioners.