

Proposal 10-15 (P.R. 0188)
Creates New Rule
Offered by Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

New Supreme Court Rule _____. Social Security Numbers in Pleadings and Related Matters.

(a) Unless otherwise required by law or ordered by the court, parties shall refrain from including social security numbers in all documents filed with the court, including exhibits thereto, whether filed electronically or in paper. If disclosure of an individual's social security number is required for a particular filing, only the last four digits of that number shall be used, and the filing must be accompanied by a confidential information form as prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. Such form shall identify the full social security number and shall remain confidential, except as to the parties or as the court may direct.

(b) Neither the court, nor the clerk, will review each pleading for compliance with this rule. If a pleading is filed without redaction, the opposing party or identified person may move the court to order redaction. The court may award the prevailing party reasonable expenses, including attorney fees and court costs, incurred in making or opposing the motion.

(c) This rule does not require any party, attorney, clerk or judicial officer to redact information from a court record that was filed prior to the adoption of this rule; provided, however, that a party may request that a social security number be redacted in a matter that preceded the adoption of this rule.