

**United States District Court**  
Eastern District of Missouri  
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**USDC-EDMO ADOPTS AMENDED LOCAL RULE 13.05  
REGARDING SEALING MATERIALS FILED WITH THE DISTRICT COURT  
PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 1, 2021**

**Date:** April 16, 2021  
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In December of 2020, the U.S. District Court – Eastern Missouri issued for public comment a proposed rewrite of Local Rule 13.05 relating to the sealing of materials filed in civil and criminal cases. The Court received numerous comments and remarks from the public, lawyers, law firms, legal scholars, and the media. After consideration of all feedback, the Court adopted the attached Local Rule 13.05. Following submission to the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council, newly-adopted Local Rule 13.05 will be effective June 1, 2021.

The new Local Rule is a substantial rewrite of the current Local Rule. Some changes adopted by the new rule include the following:

1. All documents and materials filed with the Court must be filed in the public record unless this Rule and Orders entered pursuant to it specifically allow otherwise, and the public has a right to access the public record.
2. Materials may be filed under seal in specific instances, and opponents to the sealing of materials may move to oppose the sealing.
3. Movants for sealing must provide a general description of material sought to be sealed, legal grounds for sealing, duration of proposed sealing, and notice to a producing non-party of the sealing. Redacted materials may be required by the Court to be filed in the public view.
4. Material required by statute or federal rule to be filed under seal is listed for civil and criminal cases.

For a complete copy of the new Local Rule, click [here](#). Any questions and comments about the new rule may be addressed to the Clerk of Court at the email address and phone number provided above.