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¹ The Court notes that this action is merely in the screening phase. At this stage in the proceedings, it is not necessary for Plaintiff to file any other documents as he does not have any pending deadlines and, most likely, will not have any or be required to file anything until after the Court screens his Complaint.

not comply with the size guidelines governed by Local Rule 130. Thus, Plaintiff's filing is rejected for filing.

Plaintiff is free to attempt to file again. However, for all filings he must comply with Local Rule 130 not only for the size requirements of the sheets of paper, but also the legibility requirement as Plaintiff's handwritten pleadings, often using pencil, are nearly illegible. Local Rule 130 governs the general format of documents

- (a) Electronically-Filed Documents. Documents electronically filed shall be created and formatted to comply, in appearance and presentation both in an electronic format and when printed, with the requirements for conventionally-filed paper documents.
- (b) Conventionally-Filed Documents and Courtesy Copies. All documents presented for conventional filing or lodging and the chambers courtesy copies shall be on white, unglazed opaque paper of good quality with numbered lines in the left margin, 8-1/2" x 11" in size, and shall be flat, unfolded (except where necessary for presentation of exhibits), firmly bound at the top left corner, pre-punched with two (2) holes (approximately 1/4" diameter) centered 2-3/4" apart, 1/2" to 5/8" from the top edge of the document, and shall comply with all other applicable provisions of these Rules. Matters contained thereon shall be presented by typewriting, printing, photographic or offset reproduction, or other clearly legible process, without erasures or interlining that materially defaces the document, and shall appear on one side of each sheet only.
- (c) Spacing. Documents shall be double-spaced except for the identification of counsel, title of the action, category headings, footnotes, quotations, exhibits and descriptions of real property. Quotations of more than fifty (50) words shall be indented.
- (d) Numbering. Each page shall be numbered consecutively at the bottom and shall provide a brief description of the document on the same line.

Plaintiff's filings must be double-spaced. The formatting must be reasonably similar to the formatting of this Order: 28 double-spaced lines written in 12-point font on 8.5 x 11 inch paper with 1-inch margins on the top, left, and right sides of the paper and a 0.5-inch margin on the bottom. The Court will allow modest deviations from these standard

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formatting requirements to accommodate the document drafting resources, or lack thereof, at Plaintiff's disposal. However, any significant deviation will result in rejection the filings.

Accordingly, Plaintiff's filings are REJECTED and will not be filed in this action. The Clerk is to return said documents to Plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: <u>August 1, 2011</u>

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE