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**Responsive Pleadings**

(a) Responsive pleadings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a) must:

- (1) restate verbatim the paragraphs from the pleading they respond to; and
- (2) immediately following each restated paragraph, state the response to that paragraph.

(b) If the responding party requests a word processor version of the document, the other party must email a copy to the responding party as soon as reasonably possible.

(c) This rule does not apply to pro se cases.

**HISTORICAL AND REGULATORY NOTES**

*This new rule was adopted by Order Amending Local Bankruptcy Rules dated January 17, 2023, addressing a responsive pleadings.*