

### **SCOPE AND CONSTRUCTION**

These rules apply to all civil actions filed in or transferred to this Court which allege infringement of a utility patent in a complaint, counterclaim, cross-claim or third party claim, or which seek a declaratory judgment that a utility patent is not infringed, is invalid or is unenforceable. The District of Idaho's Local Civil Rules shall also apply to such actions, except to the extent that they are inconsistent with these Local Patent Rules. If the filings or actions in a case have not triggered the application of these Local Patent Rules under the terms set forth herein, the parties shall meet and confer as soon as any triggering circumstances become known for the purpose of agreeing on the application of these Local Patent Rules to the case and promptly report the results of the meet and confer to the Court.