

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN RE: LOCAL RULES**

**Misc. 71-7673**

**GENERAL ORDER**  
**ELECTRONIC FILING OF CIVIL COMPLAINTS**

Pursuant to the Court's "Notice Regarding Electronic Filing of Civil Complaints" dated May 1, 2014, the requirement in LR Gen 303(a)(1) that civil case opening documents "shall be filed conventionally" is hereby modified to permit eligible parties to file civil case opening documents either electronically or conventionally.

The Court will take steps to formally modify the provisions in this local rule during the next local rules review cycle.

May 1, 2014

/s/ William E. Smith, Chief Judge