

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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IN RE:)
ANSWERS IN PRO SE PRISONER)
AND DETAINEE CASES SUBJECT)
TO MERIT REVIEW)

Administrative Order No. 244

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Effective June 10, 2019, the following procedure shall apply to civil rights cases that (1) are reviewed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A or 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) ("Merit Review Order") and (2) are filed by prisoners¹ or civil detainees² proceeding *pro se*.

The answer and subsequent pleadings will be to the issues stated in the Merit Review Order accompanying the process and complaint. A defendant need not parse the complaint and respond to it. If a Merit Review Order is not entered, or if the complaint that is the subject of the Merit Review Order was filed by an attorney, this rule is not applicable, and the responsive pleading will be to the complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 10, 2019



NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL
Chief U.S. District Judge

¹ For purposes of this Administrative Order, a "prisoner" is a person defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(h).

² For purposes of this Administrative Order, a "civil detainee" is a person held in detention or civilly committed, including, but not limited to, pretrial detainees whose criminal proceedings are held in abeyance during treatment or evaluation for a mental illness (such as persons being evaluated for fitness to stand trial or who have been adjudicated unfit to stand trial); persons who have been adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity; and persons detained or civilly committed pursuant to the Illinois Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, 725 ILCS 207/1 et seq. or the Illinois Sexually Dangerous Persons Act, 725 ILCS 205/0.01 et seq. The Court notes that, depending on the circumstances of a civil detainee's institutionalization, a civil detainee may also be a prisoner as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(h).

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