

LR12.1 Extensions of Time to Respond

(a) Stipulation of Parties. If all counsel agree, parties shall be entitled to a 21 day initial extension of time in which to respond to the complaint, to a cross-claim, or to a counterclaim. Counsel seeking the extension shall inform the Court of agreement between counsel by sending a stipulation to the Clerk's Office and a copy of this stipulation to all other counsel in the case. No order is necessary for an initial extension of time, but any extension of time beyond an initial extension shall not be allowed except by order of the Court.

(b) Certification of Communication with Client. The Court may, in its discretion, require that a written, signed certificate be returned to the Court verifying that counsel has communicated with his or her client and the client was made aware of the ramifications of the request for delay.