

## Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

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### Rule 10. Form of Pleadings

**(a) Caption; Names of Parties.** Every pleading must have a caption with the court's name, a title, a file number, and a [Rule 7\(a\)](#) designation. The title of the complaint must name all the parties; the title of other pleadings, after naming the first party on each side, may refer generally to other parties.

**(b) Paragraphs; Separate Statements.** A party must state its claims or defenses in numbered paragraphs, each limited as far as practicable to a single set of circumstances. A later pleading may refer by number to a paragraph in an earlier pleading. If doing so would promote clarity, each claim founded on a separate transaction or occurrence--and each defense other than a denial--must be stated in a separate count or defense.

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