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By order of the Court, effective November 10, 2026, Local Rule 20 of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal has been adopted to read as follows:

LOCAL RULE 20: SIGNING OF FILINGS; EFFECT

Every filing shall be signed by an attorney of record or, if the party is self-represented, by the party. The signature of an attorney or party shall constitute a certification that the signer has read the filing. The certification also affirms that, to the best of the signer's knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the legal authorities cited exist, are accurately cited, and support the propositions for which they are offered, and that the factual assertions are supported by the appellate record.

If, upon motion of any party or upon its own motion, the court determines that a certification has been made in violation of this Rule, the court may impose upon the person who made the certification an appropriate sanction after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Sanctions may include striking the filing in whole or in part, dismissal, requiring a corrected filing, limiting oral argument, imposing a monetary penalty payable to the court, referral to disciplinary authorities, or any other appropriate sanction.

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