

Rule 9.1 Social Security and Black Lung Cases

In civil cases filed pursuant to section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), for benefits under Titles II, XVI, and XVIII of the Social Security Act, or under Part B, Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, in addition to what is required under Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a), the last four digits of the Social Security number of the claimant or the worker on whose wage record the application for benefits was filed (who may or may not be the plaintiff) shall be provided in the complaint and the following additional information shall be provided:

In cases involving claims for retirement, survivors, disability, health insurance, or Social Security benefits (including supplemental security income), the full Social Security number of the claimant, or the worker on whose wage record the application for benefits was filed (who may or may not be the plaintiff), shall be provided in a written disclosure statement to the United States Attorney's Office via electronic mail at USAOHN.SSACOMPL@usdoj.gov and ogc.ndoh@ssa.gov. Notice of this disclosure shall be filed with the Court and may be made by separate filing or included as an allegation in the complaint. If the plaintiff's application for Social Security benefits was filed on another person's wage-record, that person's Social Security number shall also be included in the complaint.

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