UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE CHICAGO 60604

ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.
CLERK

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Mr. Harold Weisberg Coq d'Or Press Route 8 Frederick, Md. 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your letter of 20 June 1970. I am enclosing a copy of our Local General Rule 26 which should answer your question. In previous letters Mr. Cunningham has outlined the procedural requirements for filing cases in this Court. Case No. 70 C 790 entitled Sherman H. Skolnick vs. National Archives & Records Service is still pending. A motion to dismiss has been filed (2 pages) to which an exhibit is attached (18 pages), and an affidavit of a Mr. Rhodes (2 pages). The cost of copies of these documents is \$.50 per page, or a total cost of \$11.00. Should you wish to order copies please send a check payable to Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., Clerk.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Vagner

Deputy Clerk

CV:jh Enclosure RULE 26. Sureties on Bonds.

- (a) Bonds and similar undertakings may be executed by the surety or sureties alone, except in bankruptcy and criminal cases or where a different procedure is prescribed by law.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by law,

 every bond or similar undertaking must be secured by

 (1) the deposit of cash or obligations of the United

 States in the amount of the bond, or (2) the undertaking or guaranty of a corporate surety holding a certificate of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury,

 or (3) the undertaking or guaranty of two individual residents of the Northern District of Illinois.
- ety pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) of this rule shall attach his affidavit of justification, giving his full name, occupation, residence and business addresses and showing that he owns real or personal property within this district which, after excluding property exempt from execution and deducting his debts, liabilities and other obligations (including those which may arise by virtue of his suretyship on other bonds or undertakings), is properly valued at no less than twice the amount of the bond.
- (d) No member of the bar nor any officer or employee of this court shall act as surety in any action or proceeding in this court.