

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**IN RE:
AMENDMENTS TO
FEDERAL RULES OF
CIVIL PROCEDURE 4(m) AND 16**

GENERAL ORDER

Considering the amendment to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) reducing the period for effecting service from 120 days to 90 days, and the amendment to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, requiring the judge to issue a scheduling order within 90 days after any defendant has been served or within 60 days after any defendant has appeared, both of which shall take effect on December 1, 2015,

IT IS ORDERED the amendment to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) requiring any defendant to be served within 90 days after the filing of the complaint shall apply to all cases filed on or after December 1, 2015, to the extent practicable, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 requiring the issuance of a scheduling order within the earlier of 90 days after any defendant has been served with the complaint or within 60 days after any defendant has appeared shall apply to any case filed on or after December 1, 2015, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 2nd day of December, 2015.



KURT D. ENGELHARDT
Chief United States District Judge