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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota is issuing for public comment proposed amendments to the Court's Local Rules. To read the proposed amendments in full, visit the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov, or contact the Office of the Clerk of Court in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, or Fergus Falls.

The Court proposes amendments to LR 83.8 and LR 83.13 and a new form. A summary of the proposed amendments is provided below.

LR 83.8 Student Practice and Student-Practice Certification Form

Proposed LR 83.8 broadens the category of eligible students who may practice before the court by including paid and unpaid interns or externs of a governmental unit or agency. Proposed LR 83.8 also streamlines the procedure for a law student to practice before the court by requiring that the supervising attorney, rather than the law school, performs the certification process.

Under proposed LR 83.8(c), the supervising attorney must verify that the student meets the requirements of the rule. The supervising attorney must then complete and submit to the clerk's office the student-practice certification form. The form, showing it was properly filed in the clerk's office, must be filed in each case in which the student may appear. The certification is effective for 12 months.

LR 83.13 Court Appointees

Local Rule 83.13 was recently amended in May 2013. Proposed LR 83.13 now clarifies that an appointee is obligated to inform the judge of potential conflicts of interest when

circumstances “might reasonably appear” to affect the appointee’s ability to act impartially.

These proposed amendments were recommended by the Court’s Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Becky Thorson. The proposed amendments are posted by the Court for public review and comment through October 18, 2013. Comments should be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court at the address above, or by e-mail to MnFedRules@mnd.uscourts.gov. The Court will consider adoption of the proposed amendments after reviewing any comments or suggestions submitted on or before October 18, 2013.

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