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FEDERAL COURT LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS **Effective November 18, 2013**

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has approved amendments to the Court's Local Rules, effective November 18, 2013. The amendments affect Local Rules 83.8 and 83.13. On September 13, 2013, the Court notified the public of the proposed amendments to these rules and provided an opportunity for public comment. After consideration of the public's comments and the recommendations of the Court's Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Becky Thorson, the Court approved the amendments.

Provided below is a brief summary of the amendments. To read the amended rules, 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.

LR 83.8 Student Practice and Student-Practice Certification Form

The amendments to Local Rule 83.8 broaden 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. The amendments also streamline the procedure for a law student to practice before the court by requiring that the supervising attorney, rather than the law school, perform the certification process.

Local Rule 83.8(c) requires the supervising attorney to verify that the student meets the requirements of the rule and to 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. The current amendments to LR 83.13 clarify 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.

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