



# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT District of Minnesota

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has approved amendments to the Court's Local Rules. A summary of the amendments is provided below. To view the amendments in full, visit the Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov), or contact the Office of the Clerk of Court.

#### **Amendments to LR 49.1, Filing Documents Under Seal in Criminal Cases - amendments effective May 16, 2016**

On April 4, 2016, the Court notified the public of proposed amendments to LR 49.1(e). After consideration of the public's comments and the recommendations of the Court's Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Doug Peterson, the Court approved the amendments. The amendments take effect on May 16, 2016.

The amendments clarify that LR 49.1(e) applies to all indictments filed under seal, not just multi-defendant indictments. The amendments provide that when a single-defendant indictment is filed under seal, it may remain sealed until the defendant makes an initial appearance or the court orders the unsealing of the case.

The amendments also change how sealed indictments in multi-defendant cases will be treated. The amendments provide that the clerk must unseal a defendant's case after the U.S. Attorney files a redacted indictment that discloses the charges against that defendant or when the court orders the unsealing of the defendant's case. The amendments further provide that the clerk must unseal the entire indictment when all defendants have made an initial appearance or the court orders the unsealing of the entire indictment.