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LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS **Effective April 1, 2017**

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has approved amendments to the Court's Local Rules. On February 22, 2017, the Court notified the public of several proposed amendments to its Local Rules. 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. A summary of the amendments is provided below. To view the amendments, visit the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov or contact the Office of the Clerk of Court.

A. Local Rules Containing Proposed Orders Language

Local Rules 7.1, 49.1, 67.1, and 67.2 have been amended to instruct parties to file proposed orders on ECF. This change allows parties to use ECF to serve proposed orders and makes unnecessary the filing of certificates of service. Parties must continue to submit copies of proposed orders to chambers via email in Microsoft Word or a similar editable format.

B. LR 67.1, LR 67.2, new Registry Deposit Information Form, and Withdrawal Payee Information Form

Local Rule 67.1, Depositing Money in the Court Registry, has been amended to implement changes in how the Court's registry fund is administered. As part of these changes, parties must now file a new Registry Deposit Information form with their motions to deposit money. The Registry Deposit Information form collects information so that all interpleader funds, deposited under 28 U.S.C. § 1335, are properly identified. Interpleader funds meet the IRS definition of a "disputed ownership fund," and are

considered a taxable entity that requires tax administration. The rule has also been restyled.

The amendments to LR 67.2, *Withdrawing Money from the Court Registry*, require the *Withdrawal Payee Information* form to be filed on ECF under seal. Currently, the form must be filed conventionally. The amendments also correct a clerical error in former subsection (b)(4). The rule and the corresponding *Withdrawal Payee Information* form have also been restyled.

C. Abrogate LR 83.2, Free Press Fair Trial Provisions

The amendments abrogate LR 83.2 because it is inconsistent with the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct, which have been adopted by the Court in LR 83.6(a). The language in subsection (e) concerning photography and recording equipment has been replaced with the court's electronic devices policy, which is available on the court's website.

D. Abrogate all Local Rule Forms (LR Forms 1-6)

The amendments abrogate all Local Rule forms in order to remove them from the Court's Local Rules. All forms referenced within the Local Rules will remain available on the Court's website.

E. LR 26.1, Conferences of the Parties Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f); Report; Protective Orders (technical conforming amendments)

Local Rule 26.1 has been amended to eliminate references to abrogated LR Forms and, instead, refer to the forms by name.

F. Revised Stipulation for Protective Order Form

The Federal Practice Committee also announces a revised *Stipulation for Protective Order Form*. The revised form streamlines the concepts formerly contained in now-abrogated LR Forms 5 and 6 and includes language that is consistent with recently adopted LR 5.6, *Filing Documents Under Seal in Civil Cases*.