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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date: August 11, 2008**  
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### FEDERAL COURT LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSAL TO AMEND LOCAL RULES

#### A. Federal Court Local Rule Amendments

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has approved amendments to the Court's Local Rules of practice, **effective immediately**. The rule changes affect Local Rules ("LR") 5.5 ("Redaction of Transcripts") and 80.1 ("Court Reporters' Transcripts"). LR 5.5 and amendments to LR 80.1 were implemented on May 12, 2008, with the opportunity for public comment following implementation of the amendments. Taking into consideration the public's comments and Court practices, the Court's Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Attorney Jeannine Lee, recommended and the Court approved the following amendments:

#### **(1) Amendment to LR 5.5 ("Redaction of Transcripts").**

LR 5.5 provides the procedure to redact personal data identifiers from transcripts. Changes were made to subsection (a) to clarify that the procedure only applies to transcripts prepared from court proceedings and to re-number subsection (e).

#### **(2) Amendment to LR 80.1 (Court Reporters' Transcripts').**

LR 80.1 provides for the electronic filing of transcripts and outlines when certain persons, including the public, may gain remote electronic access to the transcripts. The amendments to LR 80.1 added clarification as to when remote electronic access may be granted to sealed transcripts, criminal voir dire

transcripts, civil voir dire transcripts, and all other transcripts. The amendments also re-numbered subsections of the rule and provided an Advisory Committee's Note that LR 80.1 does not apply to deposition transcripts. Other amendments were stylistic only.

The full text of the amendments are available on the District Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov), or by visiting or calling the Office of the Clerk of Court in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth or Fergus Falls.

### **B. Proposal to Amend Local Rule 83.5(d)**

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota recently approved proposed amendments to the Court's Local Rules of practice for public comment. The rule changes, which will affect Local Rule ("LR") 83.5, "Bar Admission," subsection (d) "Nonresident Attorneys," were recommended by the Court's Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Jeannine Lee.

The proposed rule change provides a procedure for members of the Court's bar who are not residents of Minnesota to move for the pro hac vice admission of another attorney in a specific case and serve as local counsel on that case. The full text of the proposed amendments are available on the District Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov), or by visiting or calling the Office of the Clerk of Court in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth or Fergus Falls.

In addition, to accommodate these proposed amendments, the Clerk's Office will update its Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission form and will create a new Motion for Permission for a Non-Resident to Serve as Local Counsel form.

As required by federal statute, the proposed amendments to LR 83.5(d) will be posted by the Court for public review and comment through **September 8, 2008**. Comments should be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court at the address above, or by e-mail to [MnFedRules@mnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MnFedRules@mnd.uscourts.gov). The rules will be adopted by the full Court following consideration of any comments or suggestions received by the Clerk of Court during the public notice period.

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