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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota is issuing proposed amendments to Local Rules 12.1 and 83.11. A summary of the proposed amendments is provided below. To view the proposed amendments in redline and final form, please visit the court's website at <u>www.mnd.uscourts.gov</u>.

LR 12.1, Criminal Discovery and Pretrial Motions

The proposed amendments to LR 12.1 are conforming amendments to new Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1, which takes effect on December 1, 2019. The proposed amendments add section (a)(1) to require that the parties confer regarding discovery disclosures no later than 14 days after the arraignment. The proposed amendments also change the title of section (b) to differentiate the Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1 confer requirement regarding discovery disclosures from the existing confer requirement regarding the filing of pretrial motions under LR 12.1.

LR 83.11, Court Administration

The proposed amendments to LR 83.11 provide that the clerk will post the office hours and any office closures on the court's website rather than specifying the office hours in the local rule.

Public Comment Instructions

Comments should be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court at the address above, or by e-mail to <u>MnFedRules@mnd.uscourts.gov</u>. The court will consider adoption of the proposed amendments after reviewing any comments or suggestions submitted on or

before October 25, 2019. Please note that all public comments received by the court will be made available to the public.