



United States District Court

District of Minnesota

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September 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has approved amendments to Local Rules 7.3 and 72.2. After issuing for public comment proposed amendments to the rules and reviewing the recommendations of the Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Rebekah Bailey, the Court approved the amendments to take effect on September 29, 2022. A summary of the amendments is provided below. To view the amended Local Rules, please visit the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

LR 7.3 Virtual Proceedings – The amendments to LR 7.3 revise the subject of the rule from telephonic hearings to virtual proceedings. The rule applies to all civil proceedings except trials. Virtual appearances at a civil trial may be addressed by the presiding judge without regard to the rule. The rule retains court discretion on how to provide instructions to the public to access virtual proceedings. Other obsolete provisions have been deleted.

LR 72.2 Review of Magistrate Judge Rulings – The amendments to LR 72.2 standardize the practice regarding review of a magistrate judge's ruling on a motion to amend a pleading. LR 72.2(a)(3)(B) makes clear that when a motion to amend a pleading is opposed on grounds of futility, the district judge will review de novo the magistrate judge's determination as to whether the proposed amendment would be futile.