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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING
PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTION OF GEN-AI FAQ

PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota is issuing proposed amendments to Local Rules 5.6 and 54.3. The Court's Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Rebekah Bailey, recommended that public comment be solicited on the proposed amendments. They are posted for public review and comment through October 24, 2025.

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 www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

LR 5.6 – Filing Documents Under Seal in Civil Cases

The main purpose of these amendments is to delay the deadline for filing the *Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing* until after the court has made a final decision on the main motion. This allows Magistrate Judges to consider that final decision when deciding whether documents should stay sealed. In the *Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing*, the parties should explain why specific documents should or shouldn't remain sealed including whether the information was important to the court's decision.

This rule only applies to the parties' responsibilities for sealed filings. It does not limit the rights of nonparties to request access to sealed documents at any time by filing a proper motion, even if deadlines for the parties have passed.

LR 54.3 – Costs and Attorney's Fees

Subsection (d) has been updated to reflect changes that will be made to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 39 in December 2025, which will renumber some of the appellate rule's subsections.

Public Comment Instructions

Comments should be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court at the address above, or by e-mail to MnFedRules@mnd.uscourts.gov. The Court will consider adoption of the proposed amendments after reviewing any comments or suggestions submitted on or before October 24, 2025. Please note that all public comments received by the Court will be made available to the public.

ADOPTION OF GEN-AI FAQ

Also, at the recommendation of the Federal Practice Committee, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has adopted a Gen-AI FAQ. The FAQ is being provided as an informational resource. No public comments to the FAQ are necessary.

To view the Gen-AI FAQ, please visit the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.