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Reply to Northern Division Address

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Re: Proposed Amendments to the Local Rules for the U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

The Court is considering proposed amendments to its Local Rules. A brief explanation of the Local Rules to be amended follows. This summary was prepared by the Clerk's Office as a guide to the changes. It is not intended to serve as legal advice nor as commentary on the changes to the rules. It does not include minor stylistic changes and should not be used as a substitute for reading the Local Rules.

The following Local Rules are proposed for amendment to comply with H.R. 1626, the Statutory Time-Periods Technical Amendments Act of 2009, and companion amendments to the Federal Rules of Procedure that are scheduled to become effective on December 1, 2009 regarding computation of time periods:

101.2(a)	705.1(a)
101.2(b)	705.5(a)
104.8(a)	LARc(1)
105.2(a)	LARc(2)(e)
105.10	LARc(2)(f)
106.3	LARd
106.4(a)	LARe(10)(a)
206.3(a)	LARe(11)(c)
301.5(a)	LARe(12)(b)
301.5(b)	LARe(12)(e)
302.1	LARe(12)(f)
405.2(c)	
405.2(c)(i)	
405.2(c)(ii)	
406.1	
406.2	

In addition, the following Local Rules would be modified for other reasons:

Local Rule 104.4 would be amended to delay the requirement for a conference of counsel until a scheduling order has issued;

Local Rule 104.11(b) would be amended to raise the fee permitted to be paid to treating physicians for work performed in discovery matters;

Local Rule 303 would be amended to provide authority for the chief magistrate judge or designee to reassign referred matters among magistrate judges;

Local Rule 304.1(g) would be amended to correct the mailing address for collateral payments;

Local Rule 701.2(b) would be amended to reflect updated terminology;

Local Rule 701.2(c) would be added to create a procedure for resigning or withdrawing from membership of the bar of this court;

Local Rule 701.4 would be added to make clear the process for permitting release of otherwise confidential administrative records;

Local Admiralty Rule b(1) would be amended to eliminate unnecessary and redundant language.

Finally, Appendix A, the Discovery Guidelines Manual, and the Stipulated Order Regarding Confidentiality of Discovery Material, have been substantially rewritten.

A copy of these Rules with the proposed changes highlighted is available at the court's website, www.mdd.uscourts.gov under the Local Rules and Standing Orders tab. Comments may be sent via email to: mdd_voyager@mdd.uscourts.gov or by regular mail to:

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All comments must be received by November 4, 2009. It is anticipated that any amendments which may be adopted will be effective December 1, 2009.