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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
LOCAL RULES FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

The Court is considering proposed amendments to its Local Rules. A brief explanation of the amendments follows. This summary was prepared by the Clerk's Office as a guide to the changes and should not substitute for reading the full text of the proposed amendments. It is neither intended to serve as legal advice nor as commentary on the changes to the Local Rules. This summary does not include any minor stylistic changes that may be incorporated into the Local Rules as part of this amendment process.

- Local Rule 108.2 is adopted to require a plaintiff seeking a default judgment to provide the last known address of the defendant. The Clerk shall mail the order of default to the defendant at the address provided together with a notice informing the defendant that the order has been entered and that the defendant may move to vacate the order within 30 days after its entry.
- Local Rule 201.1 is amended to restrict eligibility to represent defendants in criminal cases to attorneys who are members of the Bar of this Court or who have been admitted pro hac vice.
- Local Rule 701.1 is amended to clarify the language of the Court's admission requirement for reciprocity with other jurisdictions.
- Local Admiralty Rule (b)(3) is amended to correct an erroneous reference to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This amendment was previously adopted by expedited amendment in March 2018.

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- Local Admiralty Rule (e)(12) is amended to eliminate references to paying the Marshal in cash and allow for payment as otherwise authorized by the Marshal. This amendment was previously adopted by expedited amendment in March 2018.

A copy of these amendments with the proposed changes highlighted is available on the Court's website at <http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-amendments>. Comments and suggestions on the proposed amendments, whether favorable or adverse, may be sent via email to MDD_Localrules@mdd.uscourts.gov or by regular mail to

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All comments must be received by November 1, 2018. The Court anticipates that any adopted amendments will be effective December 1, 2018.