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Lisa Rosenthal, Chief Deputy

March 16, 2010

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 neither intended to serve as legal advice nor as commentary on the changes to the Local 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 for the reasons below stated:

Local Rule 101.1(b) would be amended to add an explanation of the process for pro hac vice admission in multi-district litigation proceedings;

Local Rule 105.10 would be amended to add Fed. R. Civ. P. 50, 52, and 59 to the federal rules excepted from the local 14-day deadline for filing a motion to reconsider;

Local Rule 112.3(b) would be amended to conform to the proposed amendment to Local Rule 104.1(b) on counsel in multi-district litigation proceedings;

Local Rule 702.3 would be amended to remove the requirement that law schools supervising law students practicing in this Court maintain an office in the District of Maryland; and

Local Rule 705.1 would be amended to clarify the attorney disciplinary hearing process.

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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ATTN: Local Rules Comments

All comments must be received by June 1, 2010. It is anticipated that any amendments which may be adopted will be effective July 1, 2010.

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