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

By Standing Order 2011-01, the Court adopted amendments to the Local Rules following the notice and comment period required under Local Rule 605.1. The amendments will apply to all cases filed on or after July 1, 2011, as well as to all cases pending as of July 1, 2011, to the extent practicable, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge.

The following 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 or typographical corrections and should not be used as a substitute for reading the adopted Local Rules.

- Local Rule 102.1(b)(iii) clarifies the duty of self-represented litigants to keep a current address on file, as well as eliminates the requirement that the address on file must be within the District of Maryland;
- Local Rule 102.1(c) exempts amended rules 112.1 and 112.2 from certain service requirements and clarifies that non-electronically filed documents must include a signed certificate of service;
- Local Rule 104.10 conforms this rule with the 2010 amendment to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 by explaining that the subject matter of a hybrid/expert witness's expected testimony and evidence must be disclosed to an adverse party;¹
- Local Rule 109.2(b) clarifies the process for determining attorneys' fees under the Court's Rules and Guidelines for Determining Attorneys' Fees in Certain Cases;
- Local Rule 112.1 clarifies the process for filing and serving habeas corpus petitions and allows for electronic service of petitions and motions filed by self-represented prisoners;
- Local Rule 112.2 clarifies the process for filing and serving prisoner civil rights actions and allows for limited electronic service of documents filed by self-represented prisoners;

¹ This amendment was previously passed as an emergency amendment on December 1, 2010.

- Local Rule 301.5(a) clarifies the time for serving and filing an objection to a magistrate judge's order;
- Local Rule 701.1(a) limits familiarity with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules as a prerequisite for bar membership unless relevant to an attorney's area of practice;
- Local Rule 701.1(a)-(b) clarifies that prospective bar members must be "active members" in good standing of the highest court of any state or the District of Columbia;
- Local Rule 702.1 allows law student practitioners to appear before bankruptcy judges;
- Local Rule 705.2 revises the process for disciplining a member of the bar who has been convicted of a serious crime;
- Local Rule 705.4(c)(i) revises the process for reviewing petitions for reinstatement to the Court's bar; and
- Adds a new Local Rule 800-series for patent cases.

The amended version of the Local Rules is available on the Court's website at <http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov>, under the Local Rules and Standing Orders menu.