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

The Court has approved amendments to its Local Rules, effective July 1, 2014. 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 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 have been incorporated into the Local Rules as part of this amendment process.

- Local Rule 101.1 is amended in light of the 2013 amendments to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 by eliminating the practice of non-bar members having to obtain subpoenas for depositions taken in this District for cases pending in other federal districts.
- Local Rule 103.3 is amended to provide for the issuance of summonses in self-represented cases (related Standing Order 2012-04 is rescinded).
- Local Rule 104.14 is added in light of the new Stipulated Order Regarding Non-Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Production Protection in Appendix D.
- Local Rule 105.5 is amended to remove the requirement of an appendix of unpublished opinions. This amendment was previously adopted by emergency amendment on September 18, 2012.
- Local Rule 109.2 is amended to move the starting point for calculating the time for filing a motion for attorneys' fees in Social Security cases from the date of the entry of judgment to the date the Notice of Award letter is sent to the claimant.

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- Local Rule 213.1 is amended to require the disclosure of the probation officer's recommendations on sentence. This amendment codifies Standing Order 2012-09, which was rescinded as a result of the amendments.
- Local Rule 510 is amended to increase the time for transferring unclaimed registry funds to the U.S. Treasury from two years to five years in most cases.
- Local Rule 601.3 adds a definition of "affidavit" consistent with Maryland law and 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
- Local Rule 705 is amended as follows:
 - To clarify and provide consistent use of terms in disciplinary proceedings;
 - To further define the 705.1 process for investigating and adjudicating allegations of attorney misconduct;
 - To provide procedures for handling referrals and complaints against attorneys from members of the public and state bar authorities;
 - To expand and clarify potential available sanctions and conditions that may be imposed in disciplinary proceedings;
 - To expand and clarify what aspects of disciplinary proceedings will be made part of the public record;
 - To provide for expedited disciplinary or remedial action against an attorney (related Standing Order 2013-07 is rescinded);
 - To clarify that only disbarment, suspension, or public reprimand are disciplinary sanctions eligible for reciprocal discipline by this Court;
 - To clarify what disciplinary actions by this Court will be reported to other jurisdictions;
 - To define the method of service of documents on attorneys in disciplinary cases; and
 - To clarify whether action must be taken by the Disciplinary and Admissions Committee, the District Judges sitting en banc, or the Chief Judge through the disciplinary process.

- Local Rule 802 is amended in light of the new stipulated order in Appendix D.
- Local Rule 804 is amended for technical correction.
- Local Rule 805 is amended to clarify the pleading requirements when asserting an enablement defense.
- Appendix B is amended for technical corrections and to revise the guidelines for hourly rates for attorneys' fees.
- Appendix D is amended to eliminate the paper filing of confidential information and to require filing under seal as provided in the current version of the Court's Electronic Filing Requirements and Procedures for Civil Cases. The inadvertent disclosure of privileged material is removed from this order and moved to a new Stipulated Order Regarding Non-Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Production Protection.

A copy of the revised Local Rules and a version of the Local Rules highlighting the changes are available on the Court's website at <http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/localrulesamendments>.

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