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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 607 is amended to clarify that for purposes of judicial immunity, the referral of cases to bankruptcy judges includes their service as judicial mediators or settlement judges.
- Appendix B to the Local Rules is amended to update the guidelines for hourly rates to reflect prevailing market conditions among other changes.

A copy of these amendments with the proposed changes highlighted is available on the Court's website at <https://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 12, 2025. The Court anticipates that any adopted amendments will be effective December 1, 2025.