

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE

On October 16, 2017, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e), and effective as of December 1, 2017, the judges of the United States District Court approved proposed amendments to the Local Rules and Forms of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The judges took this action having determined that the proposed amendments are the product of a bench-bar committee that worked over a three (3) year period conducting the first comprehensive review of the Local Rules and Forms in more than twenty (20) years, and the first review since the introduction of electronic case filing, and having determined that certain amendments to the Local Rules are necessary because of the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure effective December 1, 2014 that completely revised Part VIII of the rules governing appeals to the district court and additional amendments that are scheduled to take effect on December 1, 2017.

Copies of the proposed Local Rules and Forms, a summary of the proposed Local Rules and Forms, and a copy of a memorandum dated August 16, 2017, from the Chief Bankruptcy Judge to the Chair of the District Court's Bankruptcy Committee highlighting the most significant changes in practice that can be expected to follow the adoption of the Proposed Local Rules and Forms are available on the court's Website, www.paed.uscourts.gov, or picked up at the Clerk's Office at the address listed below. No red-line documents are available because the amendments are so extensive and substantial that a red-line version would be barely legible and would provide little

benefit. The Summary of the Proposed Rules and the Summary of Proposed Local Forms should provide assistance in comparing the proposed rules and forms to the existing rules and forms.

Those wishing to offer comments on the proposed amendments may do so by submitting said comments to the attention of Kate Barkman, Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 601 Market St., Room 2609, Philadelphia, PA, 19106, before the close of business, Friday, November 17, 2017.

LAWRENCE F. STENGEL,
Chief Judge