



February 1, 2016

Re: Request for Suggested Changes to the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

Dear Federal Practitioners:

We write to you as the co-chairs of the Local Rules Review Committee created pursuant to LR Gen 113(b)(1) of the United States District Court Rules for the District of Rhode Island. The Committee is tasked with consulting with members of the Bar and the public, following which we must review the Local Rules and recommend proposed amendments to the Court. The Committee is required to report to the Court annually. This year, our report is due on or before June 30, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to request suggestions regarding the Local Rules. Specifically, we would like to hear about your experiences with the Local Rules, whether new rules should be added, and whether any existing rules should be amended or deleted.

We ask that all suggestions be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court in the format described below by March 1, 2016.

To facilitate this process, your suggestions may be submitted electronically via email to [Local\\_Rules@rid.uscourts.gov](mailto:Local_Rules@rid.uscourts.gov), or in writing to the Clerk's Office, Attn: Local Rules, United States District Court, One Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903.

To assist the Committee in reviewing your suggestions, we ask you to be as specific as possible and provide information as follows:

- If you are proposing that the Court amend a rule, your suggestion should identify the rule, provide the text of the proposed amendment, and state the reason for the proposed change.
- If you are proposing a new rule, set forth the text of the new rule, describe where you believe the new rule should be inserted, and set forth the reason for the new rule.

- If you are proposing that the Court eliminate a rule, describe with specificity the text you propose to eliminate and state the reason.

A list of the members of the Local Rules Review Committee and their terms has been posted on the Court's website and is also available for inspection at the Clerk's Office. The Committee looks forward to hearing from bar members and other interested parties.

Best Regards,

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