



June 12, 2024

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

Dear Members of the Federal District Court Bar:

I am writing to you as the chair of the Local Rules and Court Practice Committee of the Court Advisory Council created pursuant to the Court's [General Order of January 5, 2023](#). A list of the members of the Local Rules and Court Practice Committee, along with information about the Council and its committees, can be found in the Court Advisory Council section of the Court's website.

Each year, the Committee must review the Local Rules, and recommend proposed amendments to the Court. The purpose of this letter is to request suggestions from the bar and the public regarding the Court's Local Rules. Specifically, the Committee would like to know whether any new rules should be added, and whether any existing rules should be amended or deleted.

All suggestions must be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court in the format described below by July 12, 2024. Suggestions may be submitted by email to RID_Local_Rules@rid.uscourts.gov, or by mail to the United States District Court, Attn: Local Rules, One Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903.

In order for the Committee to review your suggestions, we ask that you provide the following information:

- If you are suggesting that the Court amend a rule, please identify the rule, provide the text of the amendment, and state the reason(s) for the suggested change.
- If you are suggesting that a new rule be added, provide the text of the new rule, describe where you believe the new rule should be inserted, and state the reason(s) for the new rule.

- If you are suggesting that the Court eliminate an existing rule, provide the text of the rule you are suggesting be eliminated, and state the reason(s) for the suggested change.

The Committee looks forward to hearing from members of the bar and other interested parties.

Best Regards,

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