



Court Solicits Comments for Amendments to Local Rules

The judges of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida are considering proposed amendments to the Local Rules. The proposed changes are posted on the Court's website (<http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/>) for review and public comment. The comment period ends on June 2, 2023. When promulgated by the judges, the amended and new Local Rules will become effective on July 1, 2023.

Attorneys and parties who appear before the Court are encouraged to review the proposed amendments. The Court appreciates all comments and will consider them prior to the promulgation of the new and amended Local Rules.

Rule 1001-2 Case Management and Electronic Filing System – CM/ECF

This proposed amendment to section (f) specifies the format of papers filed electronically. Other changes are stylistic.

Rule 1074-1 Corporations and Other Non-Individual Persons

This proposed amendment adds new section (b) requiring the filing of documentation stating that a non-individual debtor authorizes the filing of a bankruptcy petition.

Rule 2016-1 Compensation of Professionals

This proposed amendment to section (c)(2)(B) provides that the Court may consider approval of monthly payment of interim fee applications for professionals in Chapter 11 cases based on the needs of the case. Other changes are stylistic.

Rule 5005-4 Sealed Papers

This proposed amendment adds new section (c)(3) outlining the procedure for requesting *in camera* review before a motion to file under seal is decided by the Court. Other changes are stylistic.

Proposed New Rule 8002-1 Dismissal of Untimely Appeals

This proposed new rule establishes procedures for dismissal of appeals that are filed after the time period specified in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8002.

Proposed New Rule 8007-1 Stay Pending Appeal; Posting Bonds

This proposed new rule establishes the procedure for implementing Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8007(c) that requires the posting of a bond pending appeal if ordered by the bankruptcy court, district court, or circuit court of appeals.

Rule 9013-1 Motion Practice; Request for Emergency Hearing; Request for Injunctive Relief

This proposed amendment revises the language in section (d) to conform with the Court's current procedures. It also amends section (e) to require that a motion requesting expedited consideration contain the request in the title of the motion. Other changes are stylistic.

Rule 9019-2 Mediation

This proposed amendment updates the rule to specify the duties of the mediator, counsel and parties to mediation. The amendment also establishes a deadline and terms for payment of the mediator and clarifies that litigation is not stayed while mediation is pending.