- Dropped August 15, 2025 -New and Amended Local Rules

Middle District Flow

("Local Rules Remix") – Rap Style

[Intro]

Yo, it's the Middle District, FL in the zone,
Bankruptcy judges sittin' high on the throne.
August 15th — mark the date,
New Local Rules just dropped — don't be late.
Check the site, get your facts in check,
'Cause ignorance of rules? That's a legal wreck.
Shout to the crew that made the thing tight —
Budgen, DiSanto, Giordano, alright!
Gene Johnson, Van Baalen on deck,
Local Rules Committee keepin' everything in check.

[Verse 1 – E-Filing & Divisions]

Rule 1001-2 got trimmed down clean, CM/ECF training? Nah, that's history seen. Now register on PACER, that's how you roll, Get your filings in line, stay in control. 1071-1 says court won't assign, You file in the right Division, that's the line. Style cleaned up, no fuss, no fight, You drop your case where the venue's right.

[Verse 2 – New Rules & Fees]

New rule alert — 2014-1, Special Counsel locked in, workin' under the sun. Consumer protection, it's now in the code, Administrative order? That thing's old. 2016-1, title's been re-done, Estate pro fees? Yeah, now we run. Chapter 11 apps, procedures tight, File it proper, get your payment right. Court Connection Volume No. 14 – Issue No. 2 Summer 2025

[Verse 3 – Pro Hac, Plans, and the Stay]

2090-1 — Pro Hac Vice rules, Info on lock, no time for fools. 3020-1 — new move in play, Serve notice of the plan within seven days. 4001-1, it's the Automatic Stay, File the right form, don't go astray. Stay got dismissed? No cancel, no deny, Court holds power — that rule don't lie.

[Verse 4 - Reaffirms & Adversaries]

4008-1, reaffirm's the game,
Homestead refi, it's no shame.
Admin order's gone, rule takes its place,
Keep your discharge tight, stay in the race.
7001-1, discovery gets real,
Negative Notice got a brand-new feel.
7055-2 makes the deadline align,
Default judgment? File it on time.

[Verse 5 - Appeals & Removals]

8003-2, appeals get pruned,
Late file? No fee? You're out too soon.
Court can drop it, but don't despair,
District Review? You still got air.
9027-1, removals got rules,
State docket only — no doc dump tools.
Got motions pending? You got two weeks,
Remand in 30 — don't miss your peaks.

[Verse 6 - Proof of Service]

9013-3, proof's the key,
Bankruptcy, adversary, that's the decree.
Title got trimmed, no contested vibe,
Outdated refs gone — keep the rules alive.
Section (b) cleaned up, style in check,
Serve it proper, show respect.
Middle District flow, precision's the plan,
Proof of service tight — do it right, my man.

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[Outro - Exhibits in the Spotlight]

9070-1 now cleaned up slick,
Cover sheets gone — that rule got kicked.
Trial exhibits? It's a brand-new tool,
9070-2 got the binder rule.
Witnesses ready, exhibits tight,
Follow the binder checklist right.
Local Rules, they keep the court smooth,
Get your practice tight, stay in the groove.

[Final Hook]

So read the full rules, don't just skim,
They're live on the site — go check 'em in.
Middle District bringin' that legal finesse,
With structure, order, and due process.

Peace to the court. We adjourn. 🏛

Click here to check out the new and amended rules.

Shout out to the crew making it legit —
Local Rules Lawyers' Advisory Committee — they never quit.
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