

MINUTES

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine Local Rules Committee Meeting January 7, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Chief Judge Cary, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Leddy, Mr. Molleur, Mr. Hull (Chair), Mr. Crosman, Ms. Doil, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Sleeper, Ms. Economy, Mr. Dudley

Absent: Ms. Dye (on behalf of Judge Fagone), Mr. Wholly

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** With no comments and all in favor of approval, the minutes of November 12, 2019, were approved. The minutes will be posted to the Court's website.
2. **Chair Announcements.** Mr. Hull thanked all those members who renewed their membership for another two-year term.
3. **Clerk's Office Announcements/Updates.** Mr. Leddy announced the following.
 - Last week the changes to LBR 3002-1 and LBR 9045-1 were added to the official rules and posted to the Court's website.
 - A 60-day comment period was opened for the Chapter 13 Plan. When that period is over, the Judges will review the comments and decide whether they want to send them to the Local Rules Committee for further discussion of the Chapter 13 Plan. March 3 is the deadline for comments.
 - The Clerk reminded the Committee that the Bankruptcy Court will go live on NextGen in July.
 - The evidence presentation equipment will be updated in the Bangor Courtroom in the Spring.
 - If the Bankruptcy Court is physically closed for weather, staff are working remotely and can be reached via email or by phone as normal.
4. **Review of Local Rules for Consistency/Cross-References/Updating.** Judge Cary reported that the first level review of the rules for consistency is nearing completion.
5. **Small Business Reorganization Act (SBRA).** The Committee reviewed and held discussions regarding the SBRA subcommittee's recommendations concerning potential changes to the Local Rules. The Committee came to an agreement on a final set of recommended changes. Mr. Hull agreed to make the final adjustments and circulate the final set of recommendations and provide the Committee a final seven (7) day review period. Those recommendations would then be transmitted to the Judges for consideration.
6. **New Business/Matters/Issues.** No further issues were brought up.
7. **Scheduling Next Meeting.** March 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.