

## MINUTES

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
for the District of Maine  
Local Rules Committee Meeting  
March 8, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Mr. Hull (Chair), Mr. Sleeper, Ms. Doil, Ms. Sambatakos, Mr. Wholly, Mr. Crosman, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dudley, and Mr. Molleur.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Morrell, Ms. Economy.

**Other Participants:** Judge Cary, Ms. Bigley, Ms. Ford, and Mr. Brown.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting were approved.
2. **Chair Announcements.** Nothing to report.
3. **Clerk’s Office Announcements/Updates.** Nothing to report.
4. **Review of Local Rules for Consistency/Cross-References/Updating.**
  - **Follow-up of updates from previous meeting:**
    - **Local Rule 9014-1(a)(2):** Mr. Hull, Ms. Fisher, and Judge Cary have formed a subcommittee to discuss initiating service of a contested matter via CM/ECF. They’ve requested additional time to further discuss the matter. They will circle back with the committee.
    - **Local Rule 9013-1(k):** The Committee had discussed a format that’s modeled after Vermont’s Local Rule. Judge Cary, Mr. Hull, and Ms. Bigley will prepare something to circulate for the next meeting. This matter will carry forward.
  - **General Discussion of the Local Rules:**
    - **Local Rule 9015-1:** To mirror the Federal Rules, all jury matters have been consolidated into this rule.
      - **Local Rule 9015-1(a):** This section will be removed.
      - **Local Rule 9015-1(b):** This section will be removed.
      - **Local Rule 9015-1(c):** The first sentence will be changed to read as follows: “The time period for filing a statement of consents under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9015(b) shall be no later than the date of the pretrial conference.” The last sentence will remain as is. Judge Cary will make these changes, as well as change the title of the section to “Jury Trials – Consent.”

- **Local Rule 9019-1**
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(a):** Looks good as is.
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(b):** This will be updated to reflect that relief from stay will be exempted from this Rule.
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(c):** First sentence will be changed to read as follows: “Upon settlement of an adversary proceeding, the parties shall notify the court and within twenty-one (21) days of settlement shall file a paper resolving the adversary proceeding.” The second sentence will remain as is. Judge Cary will make these updates.
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(d):** Looks good as is.
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(e)(1):** In the second sentence will be changed to read as follows: “The provisions of Local Rule 9013-1(d)(5), (e), (f), and (g) shall govern.” The beginning of the fourth sentence will be change from “Notice shall” to “This notice shall be provided”. The fifth sentence (beginning with “A proposed order on the compromise...”) will be deleted.
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(e)(2):** The reference to Local Rule 9004-2 will be removed. A major review of references will be completed at the end of the project.
  - **Local Rule 9019-1(f):** This section will be removed.
  
- **Local Rule 9019-2:**
  - **Local Rule 9019-2(a):** Looks good as is.
  - **Local Rule 9019-2(b):** The third sentence, beginning with “Except for attendance...” will be removed.
  - **Local Rule 9019-2(c):** This section will be removed.
  - **Local Rule 9019-2(d):** Will become (c). Remove instance of “(CHECK)” after the first sentence.
  
- **Local Rule 9027-1:** Language will be changed to read as follows: “Within fourteen (14) days after filing a notice for removal of an action from a state or federal court to this court pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027(e)(2), the party removing the action shall file a certified copy of the docket of the state or federal court and copies of all docket entries therein, including a representation by the party removing the action that the pleadings are true and accurate copies of the pleadings on file with the state and federal court.”
  
- **Local Rule 9029-1:** Looks good as is.
  
- **Local Rule 9029-2:** This information is contained in 9010-1. This section will be removed.
  
- **Local Rule 9037-1:** Looks good as is.

5. **New Business/Matters/Issues.** None

6. **Scheduling Next Meeting.**

- April 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. – 9000s continued