

## MINUTES

### **United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine Local Rules Committee Meeting March 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Mr. Anderson.

**Other Participants:** Judge Cary and Ms. Bigley.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting were approved without comment. They will be posted to the Court’s website.
2. **Chair Announcements.** Mr. Hull will give a brief update on the committee and its work at the April 5, 2022 brown bag luncheon. He will announce Mr. Molleur’s retirement and welcome Ms. Fisher and Ms. Sambatakos to the committee and highlight the committee’s work revising the local rules.
3. **Clerk’s Office Announcements/Updates.** Ms. Bigley thanked Judge Cary for staying on as Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine. She announced the brown bag luncheon will be held on April 5, 2022 and that Amanda Rector, State Economist for Maine will be presenting to the bar.
4. **Review of Local Rules for Consistency/Cross-References/Updating.** The committee will begin its work reviewing the subcommittee’s proposed changes to the local rules. The committee decided on monthly meetings according to the schedule below and Judge Cary kindly agreed to facilitate discussions. Ms. Doil will create a “cheat sheet” after each meeting to include with the revised rule package that will be presented to the bar when complete.
  - Friday, April 1, 2022 at 10 am [Rules: 1000s & 3000s];
  - Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10 am [Rule: 2000s];
  - Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10 am [Rules: 4000s & 5000s];
  - Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10 am [Rules: 6000s & 7000s]; and
  - Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 10 am [Rule: 9000s].

The committee will continue to meet via Zoom but may have the option to meet in person as well as by Zoom once guidelines are updated.

5. **Addition of motions for D. Me. LBR 9013-1(d)(1).** This agenda item will act as a placeholder for the committee to make any recommendations on adjustments to D. Me. LBR 9013-1(d)(1) once the review of the proposed “comprehensive” changes to the local rules has taken place. Mr. Hull will be keeping a running list of ideas and/or suggestions that are received and/or suggested.
6. **New Business/Matters/Issues.** Mr. Sleeper brought up the deadline for Subchapter V

1111(b) election requirements. The deadline on making the election is prior to approval of a disclosure statement or as otherwise directed by the court. Subchapter V cases do not have a disclosure statement requirement. The committee discussed potential options and Ms. Sambatakos will survey various approaches and report back to the committee.

Judge Cary will be recirculating the reference guide prepared by Judge Paul Bonapfel regarding Subchapter V cases.

7. **Scheduling Next Meeting.** Upcoming meetings are scheduled in accordance with Paragraph 4.