

## **MINUTES**

### **United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine Local Rules Committee Meeting July 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Sam Anderson, Shawn Doil, Andrew Dudley, Kellie Fisher, Jennifer Hayden, Nathaniel Hull, and Steve Morrell.

**Members Absent:** Kevin Crosman and Jim Wholly.

**Other Participants:** Monica Bigley

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the April 25, 2024 meeting were approved.
2. **Chair Announcements.** Nate Hull extended an open invitation to members of the Bar who would add additional perspectives to the Local Rules Committee. If anyone has suggestions for new members, please contact Nate Hull.

The District of Maine Judicial Conference is coming up in November 2024. Invitations have gone out, attendance is encouraged.

### 3. **Discussion**

- a. Local Rule 9013-1(c): Discussion on feedback from Chambers regarding the current requirement to admit or deny each allegation included in a motion.
  - Subcommittee of Sam Anderson, Shawn Doil, and Nate Hull was formed to further explore modifications to this Local Rules.
- b. Local Rule 4001-1(b)(1) and Local Form 6: Subcommittee of Steve Morrell and Kellie Fisher reported on their review of Local Form 6.
  - Matter to be continued to next meeting; further discussion is needed among the Subcommittee.
- c. Local Rule 9010-1(b): Subcommittee of Steve Morrell and Jen Hayden reported on their look into whether the committee should change “permitted” to “prohibited.”
  - Discussion on language proposed by the Subcommittee. Nate Hull will work with Monica Bigley to insert proposed language into Local Rule 9010-1(b) in the master redline for the Committee to review.

d. Seeking Feedback from the Bar

- After discussion, the Committee determined that it would not gather additional feedback regarding the Local Rules and procedures from the Bar *via* questionnaire. The Bar will be able to submit feedback to all proposed Local Rules revisions during the 30-day comment period.

4. **Planning for the Balance of the Year**

- Monica Bigley and Nate Hull to meet prior to next Committee meeting to review all redline changes made to date. Those redlines will be circulated to the Committee, who will then vote on them as a slate. Recommended changes will then be posted for thirty days of feedback from the Bar. It is anticipated that all revisions will go into effect on December 1, 2024.

5. **Scheduling Next Meeting.** September 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via Teams.