

## **MINUTES**

### **United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine Local Rules Committee Meeting October 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Sam Anderson, Kevin Crosman, Shawn Doil, Andrew Dudley, Kellie Fisher, Jennifer Hayden, Nate Hull, Steve Morrell, and Jim Wholly.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Participants:** None.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the September 26, 2024, meeting were approved.
2. **Chair Announcements.** Nate Hull explained that the modifications approved today will be published for public comment in the very near future. The hope is that the revised Local Rules will go into effect on December 1, 2024.

Monica brought the Committee's concerns regarding LBR 9013-4(a)(5) to the Judges and they have agreed to take out that rule.

Nate, Sam, and Shawn worked as a Subcommittee to work through the "Admit or Deny" rule, LBR 9013-1(c). That Subcommittee sent their proposed language to Monica, who then presented it to the Judges. After Judge approval, the language was sent to the Committee for their review today.

The Committee had proposed to add "the plan" to LBR 9013-3. Monica brought this proposal to the Judges, and they do not support this addition.

3. **Review of the Redlines**
  - a. **LBR 1007-1.** This change incorporates the final Standing Order.
  - b. **LBR 3015-1.** Clarified to indicate that the Clerk's Office will notice Motions to Modify in pro se cases.
  - c. **LBR 4001-1.** When a Motion for Relief from Stay is fully consented to and the 14-day stay is waived, the 14-day negative notice is no longer required. The committee voted to modify the language as follows:
    - a. Add "and" before "any codebtor".
    - b. Add "or within" after "by signed consent filed with".

- d. **LBR 4008-1.** This change incorporates the final Standing Order.
- e. **LBR 9010-1.** This change deals with appearances; the Committee has previously approved this language.
- f. **LBR 9013-1(c).** The Subcommittee of Nate, Shawn, and Sam worked on this rule with the goal of narrowing the scope of the burden on admitting or denying. With this updated language, if there is a separate section for “Facts”, the responding party is required to admit or deny those facts.
- g. **LBR 9013-1(d).** Updated to indicate that the deadline for replies is noon, two days prior to the scheduled hearing.
- h. **LBR 9013-3.** This change adds Motions for Admission Pro Hac Vice to the list.
- i. **LBR 9013-4.** These changes came from the Judges. The clarifications in (3) and (4) were clarifying language. Section (5) has been removed.

A blanket vote was held on all of the above changes. Committee unanimously approved. Nate will make the updates to LBR 4001-1 and send to Monica for publishing.

- 4. **Rule 4001-1(b)(1) and Local Form 6.** Kellie and Steve report that this outstanding issue can be dropped from the Committee’s agenda.
- 5. **CLE Credits for Committee Members.** Nate will look into the process for Committee members to receive CLE credits for their work on the Committee.
- 6. **Scheduling Next Meeting.** The next meeting is currently scheduled for December 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via Teams. Nate will keep the Committee updated as to the need for that meeting to be held.