

MINUTES

**United States Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Maine
Local Rules Committee Meeting
February 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Kevin Crosman, Shawn Doil, Kellie Fisher, Nate Hull, and Steve Morrell.

Members Absent: Sam Anderson, Andrew Dudley, Jennifer Hayden

Other Participants: Monica Bigley.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the October 17, 2024 meeting were approved.
2. **Chair Announcements.** None.
3. **New Matters**
 - a. **LBR 9013-4(a)(3).** If seeking emergency or expedited treatment, it is preferred that the movant notify the Clerk's Office via telephone. To clarify the preferred form of notification, the word "contact" shall be replaced by the word "call," so that the rule reads:

*If a movant seeks emergency or expedited determination of a motion, after filing the motion, the movant shall immediately **call** the clerk's office for the limited purpose of informing the clerk that a request for emergency or expedited determination has been made. The movant shall not utilize the self-calendaring process in Local Rule 9013-1(b)(1).*
 - b. **LBR 9010-1(d).** The Committee discussed whether a motion is necessary when substitute counsel has already entered an appearance. A Subcommittee of Shawn, Nate, and Kellie will further discuss potential proposed changes.
 - i. **LBR 9013-3.** The Subcommittee will explore whether a Motion to Withdraw should be added to this list.
 - c. **Lack of Local Rule stating that corporations cannot appear pro se.** The Committee agreed that LBR 9010-1 adequately indicates that corporations cannot appear pro se.
4. **Planning for Balance of the Year.** Meetings will be scheduled every other month.
5. **Scheduling Next Meeting.** The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via Teams.