

## **MINUTES**

### **United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine Local Rules Committee Meeting April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Shawn Doil, Andrew Dudley, Kellie Fisher, Jennifer Hayden, and Nate Hull

**Members Absent:** Sam Anderson, Kevin Crosman, and Steve Morrell

**Other Participants:** Monica Bigley

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the February 13, 2025 meeting were approved.
2. **Chair Announcements.** None.
3. **Clerk's Office Announcements.** None.
4. **Prior Matters.**
  - a. **LBR 9010-1(d).** Subcommittee of Shawn, Nate, and Kellie brought proposed changes to the Rule. They separated the circumstances for the need for a motion versus when a notice is sufficient. The Committee is in favor of modifying this Rule as discussed. Monica will keep track of the proposed rule changes.
    - i. **LBR 9013-3.** The Subcommittee suggested that a Motion to Withdraw not be added to this list. The Committee agreed.
5. **New Matters**
  - a. **U.S. District Court Local Rules.** The Local Rules for the U.S. District Court were updated on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The only U.S. District Court rule change impacting bankruptcy Local Rules is found in Local Rule 9010-1(a)(1) on attorneys admission to practice and relates to the renumbering of D. Me. Local R. 83.4 to 83.6. Monica suggested that there may need to be further enhancement of Local Rule 9010-1 as it relates to pro hac vice admission. Monica will speak with the Judges and come back to the Committee with more information.
  - b. **Brown Bag Lunch.** Shawn suggested scheduling an in-person Brown Bag Lunch with discussion of pro hac vice motions and emergency and expedited hearing requests. The Committee agreed.
  - c. **Volunteering with the Volunteer Lawyers Project.** Kellie reported that the VLP is desperate for bankruptcy volunteers. They have implemented a new program that operates as a clinic where lawyers meet with individuals for thirty

minutes to discuss bankruptcy options. The Committee discussed ways to enhance volunteer efforts. Monica will talk with Judge Cary to determine whether the Court is able to assist with this effort.

- d. **April 1, 2025 Updates.** Reminder that fees increased and several forms were updated on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. **Scheduling Next Meeting.** The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via Teams.