

MINUTES

**United States Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Maine
Local Rules Committee Meeting
September 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Ann Dirsa, Kellie Fisher, and Shawn Doil

Members Absent: Sam Anderson, Kevin Crosman, Nate Hull, Jen Hayden, and Andrew Dudley

Other Participants: Monica Bigley

1. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.** The minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting were approved.
2. **Chair Announcements.** None
3. **Clerk's Office Announcements.** None
4. **Prior Matters.**
 - a. **Federal Rule 2002(a)(8) and LR 2002(b)(3): Discussion on inconsistency between Federal Rule 2002(a)(8) and LR 2002(b)(3) relative to chapter 12 cases (Jen Hayden and Andrew Dudley):** Tabled for next meeting and consideration for 2026 Local Rule updates.
 - b. **LR 9037-1: Discussion on redaction of personal identifiers in domestic abuse cases or cases in which a PFA has entered:** Due to the existing state law mechanisms, the Committee does not believe that anything should be added to the Local Rules. As this issue arises, it will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the attorney and presiding judge.
5. **New Matters**
 - a. **LR 9013-4(a)(2)(B): Discussion on proposed revised language to rule: (B) Expedited Determination.** Monica has discussed this with the Judges. The Judges would like language implemented that incorporates the 7-day window between the objection deadline and hearing date. This will allow the bar to use Requests for Expedited Determination instead of a Motion to Shorten Time. The language requested is "If the movant seeks to have the court consider a motion earlier than the default deadlines created by these Rules or the Federal Rules...".

The Committee discussed a potential update to Local Rule 9013-1(b)(2). It was proposed to update this Rule to read "Unless the moving party seeks relief pursuant to 9013-4(a)(2), the response date shall be no less than....". Committee to consider once

draft rules are circulated.

- b. Process for approval of rule changes by year end:** The goal is to get Rules to US District Court by the end of October, so that they can go live December 1, 2025. Monica will need to bring all proposed changes to the Judges for approval, then hold a 30-day public comment period, after which the Rules may go to US District Court. The Committee discussed approving all final revisions via e-mail. Monica will produce a red-line and clean copy PDF of all proposed updates. This will be sent to Kellie this week for her review and distribution to the Committee. If Kellie sees any issues with these PDFs, she will discuss with Monica in preparation for the Judges' approval.
- 6. Scheduling Next Meeting.** If the Committee is unable to approve updates via e-mail, a meeting will be scheduled in November. Scheduling of any further meetings is tabled for the time being.