

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On April 27, 2015, the Rules Advisory Committee to the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (“Committee”) submitted a Report and Recommendation regarding proposed amendments to the Court’s Local Bankruptcy Rules, ECF Procedures, Administrative Orders, Guidelines and Forms. By this Notice, the Court is requesting public comments on the proposed amendments.

The last comprehensive set of revisions to the Court’s local rules and procedures took place in 2007 and 2008, and became effective on May 7, 2008. Since then, there have been many changes to the Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, case law and practice. As a result, on July 9, 2014, the Court convened a meeting of the Committee which consists of bankruptcy attorneys in this district who have volunteered their time for the purpose of making recommendations to the Court from time to time regarding local procedures.

At the meeting, five separate subcommittees were formed to work in conjunction with the Committee for the purpose of making a comprehensive review of all of the Court’s local rules and procedures. Approximately 50 attorneys volunteered their time to serve on the Committee and on the subcommittees. Each of the subcommittees prepared its own report. The Committee’s report and recommendation incorporates the work of all of the subcommittees. The following link provides access to the Committee’s report and recommendation, as well as a blacklined version of the proposed amendments and a clean version of the proposed amendments:

<http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/proposed-amendments>

These materials can also be accessed directly on the Court’s website at [www.mieb.uscourts.gov](http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov).

The Committee's report and recommendation reflect countless hours of hard work during this past year by attorneys who have generously volunteered their time. The Court greatly appreciates the work of all of the attorneys who participated on the Committee and on the subcommittees, and wishes to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their service.

The Court intends to now review the report and recommendation and consider the proposed amendments. To assist the Court in its review, the Court solicits the views and opinions of all interested parties. Each comment submitted will be distributed to all of the judges of the Court and will be given full consideration.

Comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted by email to:

[mieb\\_lrcomments@mieb.uscourts.gov](mailto:mieb_lrcomments@mieb.uscourts.gov)

The deadline for submitting comments is **June 26, 2015**.

After the Court completes its review, the Court will submit to the District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan a final draft of those proposed amendments that the Court approves, with a request that the District Court approve those amendments under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9029(a).

PHILLIP J. SHEFFERLY  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: May 20, 2015