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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
LOCAL RULES FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

The Court is considering proposed amendments to its Local Rules. A brief explanation of the amendments follows. This summary was prepared by the Clerk's Office as a guide to the changes and should not substitute for reading the full text of the proposed amendments. It is neither intended to serve as legal advice nor as commentary on the changes to the Local Rules. This summary does not include any minor stylistic changes that may be incorporated into the Local Rules as part of this amendment process.

- Local Rule 104.9 is struck as no longer necessary given prohibitions on smoking indoors. The rule number is reserved for future use.
- Local Rule 105.1 is amended to require courtesy copies to be submitted to the Court whenever the number of pages for the main document of a filing plus attachments total 15 pages or more and to require proposed orders to accompany motions and oppositions to motions.
- Local Rule 105.12 is added to set procedures for the filing of amicus briefs. These procedures were previously adopted by Standing Order 2018-07.
- Local Rule 108.1 is amended to include a reference to the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.
- Local Rule 109.1 is amended to require a bill of costs to be filed within 14 days of the expiration of time allowed for appeal of a final judgment or, if a notice of appeal is filed, within 14 days after the issuance of the mandate by the Court of Appeals.

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- Local Rule 201 is amended to allow criminal defendants to be represented by counsel appointed for that defendant by any United States court.
- Local Rule 701.1 is amended to revise the qualifications for admission to the Bar of this Court. Under this proposed amendment, an attorney is eligible for admission if he or she is an active member in good standing of the Court of Appeals of Maryland or, if the attorney is not a member of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, an active member in good standing of the highest court of any state (or the District of Columbia) and also an active member in good standing of any United States District Court. The principal law office requirement and reciprocity provision are eliminated.
- Local Rule 705.4 is amended to allow the Court to deny a petition for reinstatement without a hearing if the Court's Disciplinary and Admissions Committee finds, on the basis of the papers filed, that reinstatement is not appropriate and a hearing is not necessary. This amendment also requires an attorney who has been indefinitely suspended on a reciprocal basis to demonstrate reinstatement to the original court imposing discipline before being eligible for reinstatement in this Court.

A copy of these amendments with the proposed changes highlighted is available on the Court's website at <https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-amendments>.

Comments and suggestions on the proposed amendments, whether favorable or adverse, may be sent via email to [MDD\\_Localrules@mdd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MDD_Localrules@mdd.uscourts.gov) or by regular mail to

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All comments must be received by June 1, 2021. The Court anticipates that any adopted amendments will be effective July 1, 2021.