

# United States District Court

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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

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The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri is issuing proposed local rules for public comment. To read them, go to <http://www.moed.uscourts.gov>, contact the Office of the Clerk at the number above or via e-mail at [greg\\_linhares@moed.uscourts.gov](mailto:greg_linhares@moed.uscourts.gov), or visit the Eagleton Courthouse (address above) or Limbaugh Courthouse at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703. Clean and track changes versions of the rules are available.

The Court is proposing amendments to Local Rules 2.07 and 6.03, as well as a new Local Rule 4.06. A summary of the proposed rules changes is provided below. The proposed effective date for these changes is March 1, 2018, and they are being posted for public comment through Friday, January 26, 2018. Comments should be provided in writing to the Clerk of Court via e-mail or regular mail. They will be considered by the Court after the public comment deadline.

### ***Local Rule 2.07, Divisional Venue***

The amended rule provides clarification regarding divisional venue in civil actions with multiple defendants, where only one of the defendants resides in the Eastern District of Missouri.

### ***Local Rule 6.03, Neutrals***

The amended rule sets forth the Court's process for withdrawal of certification of a court-certified neutral, outside the standard renewal period process.

### ***Local Rule 4.06, Motions for Transfer of Venue - Process***

This new rule provides for a review of the Court's decision to transfer a case to another federal district court by delaying the time period of transfer for fourteen (14) days unless a request is made for immediate transfer; the Court orders immediate transfer; or a motion for reconsideration is filed within the fourteen (14) day period. The allowance of this additional time period for review will establish a process consistent with prior holdings of the Eighth Circuit on the issue of transfer.