

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL RULES

1. The following paragraph shall be added to Civil Rule 5.1(d):
All pleadings shall appear in 12-pt. font and shall be double-spaced. Footnotes, which shall not be excessive, shall also appear in 12-pt. font.
2. The following redlined version indicates the proposed changes to Civil Rule 83.5 and Criminal Rule 44.4:

Law clerks, ~~and~~ secretaries, and interns to judges of this Court, and all other persons employed in any capacity by this Court, shall not engage in the practice of law while so employed. A law clerk or secretary to a particular judge of this Court shall not, at any time after separating from that position, engage in any activity as an attorney or advisor, nor permit his or her name to appear as an attorney on any paper filed in this Court, in connection with any case that was pending on that judge's docket during his or her term of service. Any other person employed in any capacity by this Court shall not, for a period of two years after separating from that position, engage in any activity as an attorney or advisor in connection with any case that was pending in this Court during his or her term of service. Each former law clerk, secretary, intern, or other employee of this Court, as well as persons employing or associating with them in the practice of law before this Court, shall have the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of this Rule. Evidence of a failure to comply with this Rule shall be referred to this Court's Committee on Grievances.

3. The following redlined version indicates the proposed changes to Civil Rule 54.1(a):

Costs shall be taxed as provided in Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d). A prevailing party may serve and file a bill of costs, which shall be on a court-approved form (available on the Court's website and from the Clerk's Office) and ~~which~~ shall include all costs the party seeks to have taxed. This bill of costs shall specifically itemize with supporting documentation the particular costs sought under the specific categories set forth in ~~designate which costs fall within~~ paragraph (d) of this Rule. A bill of costs must be filed within 21 days after entry of judgment terminating the case as to the party seeking costs, unless the time is extended by the Court. Any cost omitted from the bill of costs shall not be allowed, except for post-judgment costs.

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 57.1, the Court is required to advise that the proposed rule will be adopted unless modified or withdrawn by the Court after receiving comments from organized bar associations, members of the bar, and the public.

Such comments must be made in writing by June 20, 2016 and should be addressed to John Aldock, Esq., Chairman, Advisory Committee on Local Rules, Goodwin Procter LLP, 901 New York Avenue, N.W; Washington, DC 20001.

ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK.