

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Voting: Chief Judge Howell, Judges Sullivan, Kollarr-Kotelly, Boasberg, Amy Jackson, Contreras, Ketanji Jackson, Cooper, Moss, Mehta, Kelly, McFadden, Lamberth, Huvelle and Bates.

ORDER

It is the 10th day of April, 2019 ordered and effective immediately, the underlisted sections of the Local Rules are amended as follows, with the Clerk of Court being authorized to make technical and confirming changes as necessary:

[Deleted language stricken and new language underlined]

LCvR 15.1

MOTIONS TO AMEND PLEADINGS

A motion for leave to file an amended pleading shall ~~be accompanied by an original attach, as an exhibit, a copy~~ of the proposed pleading as amended. ~~The amended pleading shall be deemed to have been filed and served by mail on the date on which the order granting the motion is entered.~~

LCvR 40.7

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

In addition to the trial of such cases as he or she may undertake and other duties provided by these Rules, the Chief Judge shall:

- (a) hear and determine requests for excuse from service on grand and petit juries;
- (b) empanel the grand jury and hear and determine all matters relating to proceedings before the grand jury;
- (c) consider applications for allowance under the Criminal Justice Act in a case not already assigned;

- (d) dispose of matters requiring immediate action in criminal cases already assigned to any district judge if that judge is unavailable or otherwise unable to hear the matters;
- (e) hear and determine requests for review of rulings by magistrate judges in criminal matters not already assigned to a district judge; ~~and~~
- (f) hear and determine the following motions in any case not already assigned; motion to seal the complaint, motion to seal the address of the plaintiff, and motion to file a pseudonymous; and
- (g) consider requests for exemptions by academicians, researchers and other non-litigants from the user access fees for the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (“PACER”) service. PACER fee exemption requests by litigants shall be made to and considered by the judge assigned to the litigant’s case; and
- (h) take such other administrative actions, after consultation with appropriate committees of the Court, as in his or her judgment are necessary to assure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of cases, and are not inconsistent with these Rules.

The Chief Judge may, from time to time, reassign any of the foregoing duties to an active judge for a reasonable period.

LCrR 57.14

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- (e) hear and determine requests for review of rulings by magistrate judges in criminal matters not already assigned to a district judge; ~~and~~

- (f) hear and determine the following motions in any case not already assigned: motion to seal the complaint, motion to seal the address of the plaintiff, and motion to file a pseudonymous; and
- (g) consider requests for exemptions by academicians, researchers and other non-litigants from the user access fees for the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (“PACER”) service. PACER fee exemption requests by litigants shall be made to and considered by the judge assigned to the litigant’s case; and
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COMMENT TO LCrR 57.14: Paragraph (f) has been added to affirm the power of the Chief Judge to take other appropriate administrative actions not inconsistent with the Rules.

FOR THE COURT:



Beryl A. Howell
Chief Judge