

# United States District Court

Eastern District of Missouri  
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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.

The Court is proposing amendments to Local Rules 12.01, 13.03, and 13.05. A summary of the proposed amendments is provided below. The proposed effective date for these rules changes is January 1, 2016, and they are being posted for public comment through December 15, 2015. 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 12.01, Attorney Admission***

The proposed amendments: 1) clarify that attorneys in cases sent to this Court on transfer from another US District Court are not required to be members of this Court's bar; 2) state that new attorneys who are sworn in at the biannual ceremony jointly held with the Missouri Bar need not provide this Court with a certificate of good standing; and 3) allow electronic registration for pro hac vice applicants and attorneys whose cases are in this court on transfer from another US District Court.

### ***Local Rule 13.03, Bonds and Other Sureties***

The proposed amendments change the process of corporate surety verification to be consistent with current practice in the Missouri Department of Insurance and the US Department of the Treasury.

### ***Local Rule 13.05, Pleadings and Documents Filed Under Seal***

The proposed amendments change the language regarding sealed documents in civil cases so that they conform to current electronic case file management practices. The amendments clarify that restriction of access to sealed civil case files is done electronically rather than through the creation of a separate physical file. The amendments also specify that a motion is required to unseal a document previously sealed in a civil case. There are no substantive changes to the language regarding sealed documents in criminal cases.