

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 14 - 0027**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, December 18, 2014 and approved a technical amendment to Local Rule 40.3.1 Assignments Involving Bankruptcy. This is a technical amendment and does not require publication for comment.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the rule at its meeting on December 11, 2014. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed technical amendment to Local Rule 40.3.1.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on December 18, 2014 and agreed to modify Local Rule 40.3.1. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, December 18, 2014,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 40.3.1 Assignments Involving Bankruptcy be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

LR40.3.1 Assignments Involving Bankruptcy

(a) Referral to Bankruptcy Judges. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(a), all cases under Title 11 U.S.C. and all proceedings arising under Title 11 U.S.C. or arising in or related to any cases under Title 11 U.S.C. are referred to the bankruptcy judges of this District.

(b) Assignment by Lot. Except as provided by sections (c) and (d), each of the following items shall be assigned by lot to a district judge:

- (1) motions pursuant to ~~12~~28 U.S.C. §157(d) (including a recommendation by a bankruptcy judge) for the withdrawal of the reference of a bankruptcy ("B") case, or of a contested matter or adversary ("A") proceeding within a bankruptcy case;
- (2) objections to proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law of a bankruptcy judge filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(a)(1);
- (3) appeals pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §158(a)(1);
- (4) motions for leave to appeal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §158(a)(3); and
- (5) applications for a writ of mandamus or a similar writ in connection with a bankruptcy case, contested matter, or adversary proceeding.

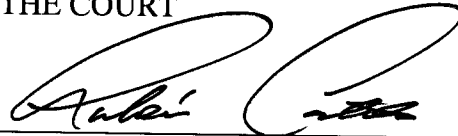
All such assignments shall be made using the Civil II assignment category, except that objections to proposed findings and conclusions shall be assigned using the Civil III assignment category. The clerk is directed to assign a case so designated to the judge on whose calendar the previously filed case was assigned.

(c) **Direct assignment for rehearing.** Whenever there is activity in bankruptcy court following a district judge's consideration of any of the items described in section (b), any subsequent proceedings in the district court involving that item shall be assigned to the district judge who considered the item initially.

(d) **Relatedness.** The provisions of LR 40.4 are applicable to the items described in section (b).

(e) **Designation Sheet.** The person filing any of the items described in paragraph (b) shall complete the designation sheet required by LR3.1 and include on the sheet a designation of any such item, previously heard by the district court, that the filer believes would require direct assignment of the filing pursuant to this rule.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. J. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 2nd day of December, 2014