

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LOCAL RULES

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, October 20, 2011, and approved a proposal to amend LR83.1 of the Civil Rules of this Court as follows (additions shown thus, and deletions shown ~~thus~~):

LR83.1. Court Facilities: Limitations on Use

(a) Court Environs Defined. For the purpose of this rule the term "court environs" shall refer to the following areas:

(1) in Chicago in the Courthouse:

(A) the 6th through the 8th floors, and the 10th through the 25th floors, inclusive;

(B) the offices of the Pretrial Services Department of this Court on the 15th floor, and the public corridors immediately adjacent to those offices;

(C) the central jury assembly lounge, south elevator banks, and corridors leading from one to the other on the 2nd floor; and

(D) the immediate areas surrounding the elevators on the 1st floor;

(2) in Chicago but not in the Courthouse, the offices of the Probation Department of this Court located at 55 East Monroe Street;

(3) in the Eastern Division but not in Chicago, the immediate area surrounding the courtroom on the 2nd floor of the Federal Building and Courthouse at Joliet; and

(4) in the Western Division, the entire 1st and 2nd floors of the Courthouse at Rockford.

(b) Soliciting & Loitering Prohibited. Soliciting and loitering within the court environs is prohibited. The unapproved congregating of groups or the causing of a disturbance or nuisance within the courthouses of this Court is prohibited. Picketing or parading outside of the

courthouses of this Court is prohibited only when such picketing or parading obstructs or impedes the orderly administration of justice.

(c) No Cameras or Recorders. Except as provided for in section (e) below, the taking of photographs, radio and television broadcasting or taping in the court environs during the progress of or in connection with judicial proceedings including proceedings before a United States magistrate judge, whether or not court is actually in session, is prohibited.

(d) Marshal to Enforce. The United States marshal and the Custodian of the courthouses shall enforce sections (b) and (c) of this rule, either by ejecting violators from the courthouse or by causing them to appear before one of the judges of this Court for a hearing and the imposition of such punishment as the court may deem proper.

(e) Limited Exception for Video Recording Pilot Program. Proceedings being recorded as part of the video recording pilot program approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts in September of 2010 are exempted from the provisions of section (c) of this Rule. Such recordings must comply with guidelines for the pilot program approved by the Judicial Conference. These guidelines allow recordings by Court cameras only. No other recordings are allowed.

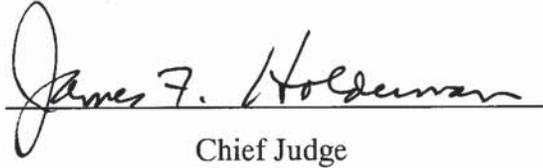
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COMMENT: By direction of the full Court and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §207(b) regarding appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment, the Clerk is directed to: (a) cause the proposal to amend revised Local Rule 83.1 to be posted in the Courthouses at Chicago and Rockford, (b) cause notice of the proposal and requests for comment to be published in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, (c) cause notice of the proposal and requests for comment to be posted on the web site for the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, (d) indicate in such notice a final date for receipt of comments, which date shall be sixty days from the first date of publication in the *Law Bulletin*, (e) collect and distribute among the members of

the Advisory Committee for Local Rules all comments received, and (f) following receipt of a copy of the report and recommendation of the advisory committee to distribute copies of the comments together with copies of the report and recommendation among the members of the Court for consideration at a regular meeting of the full Court.

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FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 25th day of October, 2011