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Marc Barreca
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
(Dated as of Entered on Docket date above)

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

In re:

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE OF
BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 5001-1,
DEPOSIT OF FUNDS IN THE COURT
REGISTRY

GENERAL ORDER 2022-01

The Court finds it necessary to change its procedures regarding the deposit, investment and administration of funds placed in the Court's registry account. The new administrative procedures require amendment to Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 5001-1. The General Order Authorizing Bankruptcy Judges to Make and Amend Local Rules of Practice and Procedure, issued by the United States District Court, Western District of Washington, on November 21, 2005, and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9029(a), authorizes the bankruptcy judges of the district to make and amend rules of practice and procedure governing all bankruptcy cases and proceedings in this District, subject to the limitations set forth therein.

1 Now, therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure
2 5001-1 is amended to reflect the revised administrative requirements governing funds
3 deposited into the Court's registry account. The amended rule is as set forth in Exhibit
4 A, attached hereto. A redline of the changes to the rule is attached as Exhibit B.

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- (1) the amount to be deposited;
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Committee Comment

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~~(1) language directing the clerk of court to deduct from the income earned on the deposit a fee as prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States, without further order of the court.~~

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