

August 31, 2023

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to
LOCAL RULES of BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE
and
LOCAL BANKRUPTCY FORMS
PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington solicits comments, pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9029, on proposed amendments to the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local Bankruptcy Forms. A summary of the proposed amendments, together with the amendments and redline comparisons, are posted in .pdf format on the court's website, www.wawb.uscourts.gov, or may be obtained in hard copy from the Clerk (address below - \$5.00 for postage and handling required).

The Court extends its appreciation to the members of the Local Rules Committee whose work in the review of the local rules and forms was extensive and thoughtful. A roster is attached.

A comprehensive review of the local rules has not been undertaken since 2017. As a result, many of the proposed amendments are for the purpose of incorporating General Orders and establishing consistency with the current Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The proposed amendments also include significant changes to the distribution scheme under the local form Chapter 13 plan.

Comments must be in writing and may be submitted by email to LBRcomments@wawb.uscourts.gov or by mailing to the address below.

Comments are due by October 3, 2023.

Gina Zadra Walton, Clerk
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