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NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, the Clerk of the Court hereby gives notice of and an opportunity for comment regarding the Court's pending amendments to Local Rules 3.2 and 5.3.

Local Rule 3.2, which governs the assignment of cases, is amended to add the following new paragraph (d)(2)C:

When a defendant in a transfer case pursuant to *Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure* 20 has a pending case in this district, the Rule 20 case shall be assigned to the district judge and magistrate judge assigned to the pending case.

Current Local Rule 5.3, which governs the filing of discovery materials, is amended to provide as follows:

Disclosures under *Federal Rule of Civil Procedure* 26(a)(1) and (2), depositions, and discovery requests and responses must not be filed except in strict accordance with *Federal Rule of Civil Procedure* 5(d)(1). When filing such materials, only excerpts of the documents which are directly germane to the matter under consideration by the Court may be filed.

Comment: This revision is intended to emphasize that Rule 26(a)(1) or (2) disclosures, depositions, and discovery materials are generally not filed with the Court except as allowed by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(d)(1).

Comments should be directed, in writing, to Patricia L. McNutt, Clerk of Court, at the above address. The comment period will close on November 30, 2010.