



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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### NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), the Clerk of the Court hereby gives notice of and an opportunity for comment regarding the Court's proposal to adopt the Eastern District of Tennessee Local Rule 3.1.2 (Divisional Filing of Civil Actions or Proceedings). Local Rule 3.1.2 shall read as follows:

#### **LR 3.1.2. Divisional Filing of Civil Actions or Proceedings**

a. **Divisions.** The Eastern District of Tennessee is comprised of four divisions:

1. The **Northeastern Division** is comprised of Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Counties.
2. The **Northern Division** is comprised of Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, and Union Counties.
3. The **Southern Division** is comprised of Bledsoe, Bradley, Hamilton, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties.
4. The **Winchester Division** is comprised of Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Moore, Van Buren, and Warren Counties.

b. **Division of Filing.** Unless federal law provides otherwise, a plaintiff shall file a civil action or proceeding (1) in a division in which a defendant resides; or (2) a division in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action

is situated; or (3) if neither (1) nor (2) applies, a division in which a plaintiff resides.

- c. **Transfer of Division.** This rule does not establish a right to any specific venue. The Court may, however, in its sole discretion, transfer any civil action or proceeding from the division in which it is pending to any other division for any reason, including the convenience of the Court, parties, or witnesses, or in

Comments should be directed in writing to LeAnna R. Wilson, Clerk of Court, by April 21, 2025, at the above address.

*Comment: Local Rule 3.1.2 is a new rule concerning divisional venue in civil actions.*