



## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), the United States District Court for the District of Vermont announces a proposed amendment to Local Rule 16.1 governing Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE), this district's alternative dispute resolution program.

The proposed amendment intends to clarify parties' responsibilities when rescheduling ENE sessions under § (f)(2) and when seeking excusal under § (g)(3). The proposed amendment also includes the addition of § (k) Supplemental Evaluator's Report.

The proposed revision is available on the court's website, or by clicking on the following hyperlink:

[Proposed Rule 16.1 - Early Neutral Evaluation \(ENE\)](#)

The open comment period is from August 8 through September 9, 2016. Comments on the proposed amendment to the Local Rule may be submitted to one of the addresses listed below:

In letter form to:

**Jeffrey S. Eaton, Clerk of Court**  
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