



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 our Local Rule governing attorney admissions (L.R. 83.1).

The Judicial Conference of the United States has requested all courts to re-visit their attorney admission procedures in response to a situation in which a convicted felon, who was not admitted to the bar of any state, represented clients in several federal district courts. The Conference asks courts to create an attorney admission form that gathers sufficient information to verify the state bar admission status of an applicant and to implement a procedure to verify that the information on the form is correct.

In order to comply with the Judicial Conference's recommendations, the court is posting proposed amendments to Local Rule 83.1(a) and (b) for public comment. The proposed revisions are available on the court's website at:

www.vtd.uscourts.gov

The open comment period is from March 22, 2011 to April 22, 2011. Comments on the proposed amendments to the Local Rules may be submitted to one of the addresses listed below:

In letter form to:

Jeffrey S. Eaton, Clerk of Court
Attn: Local Rules
U.S. District Court
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Via e-mail to:

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Any changes to these Local Rules adopted by the court will have an expected effective date of May 1, 2011.