



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).

In April of 2011, the court revised Local Rule 83.1(a)(2) requiring attorneys seeking admission to the District Court to provide certificates of good standing from “all” the bars in which the applicant is admitted. The court has received comments from applicants stating that requiring certificates of good standing from “all” the bars in which the applicant is admitted is too burdensome and costly.

Addressing the concerns submitted, and in consultation with the court’s Civil Rules Subcommittee, the court is now posting proposed amendments to Local Rule 83.1(a) for public comment which limit the certificate of good standing requirement to the bar in the state in which the applicant has their primary office. The proposed revisions are available on the court’s website at:

www.vtd.uscourts.gov/court-info/local-rules-and-orders

The open comment period is from May 21, 2012 to June 22, 2012. Comments on the proposed amendments to the Local Rules may be submitted to one of the addresses listed below:

In letter form to:

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Attn: Local Rules
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Any changes to these Local Rules adopted by the court will have an expected effective date of July 2, 2012.