

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE CHANGE
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.1(b) and Local Criminal Rule 1.1, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia is publishing for comment a proposed change to two Local Rules.

The proposed rule change, which is set forth below, will be adopted and become effective unless modified or withdrawn by the Court after receiving comments from organized bar associations, members of the bar and public. Such comments must be made in writing within 45 days of the publication of this Notice and should be addressed to Kevin M. Hodges, Esq., Chairman, Advisory Committee on Local Rules, Williams & Connolly LLP, 725 Twelfth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 2005.

Angela D. Caesar, Clerk

[New language is underlined]

LCvR 40.7/LCrR 57.14

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

In addition to the trial of such cases as he or she may undertake and other duties provided by these Rules, the Chief Judge shall:

- (a) hear and determine requests for excuse from service on grand and petit juries;
- (b) empanel the grand jury and hear and determine all matters relating to proceedings before the grand jury;
- (c) consider applications for allowance under the Criminal Justice Act in a case not already assigned;
- (d) dispose of matters requiring immediate action in criminal cases already assigned to any district judge if that judge is unavailable or otherwise unable to hear the matters;
- (e) hear and determine requests for review of rulings by magistrate judges in criminal matters not already assigned to a district judge;
- (f) consider requests for exemptions by academicians, researchers and other non-

litigants from the user access fees for Public Access to Court Electronic Records (“PACER”) service. PACER fee exemption requests by litigants shall be made to and considered by the judge assigned to the litigant’s case;

- (g) hear and determine the following motions in any case not already assigned: motion to seal the complaint, motion to seal the address of the plaintiff, and motion to file a pseudonymous complaint; and
- (h) issue executive orders relating to court administration and take such other administrative actions, after consultation with appropriate committees of the Court, as in his or her judgment are necessary to assure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of cases, and are not inconsistent with these Rules.

The Chief Judge may, from time to time, reassign any of the foregoing duties to an active judge for a reasonable period.