

**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The proposed rule change,s which are set fort below, will be adopted and become effective unless modified or withdrawn by the Court after receiving comments from organized bar associations, members of the bar and public.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 publication of this Notice and should be addressed to Kevin M. Hodges, Esq., Chairman, Advisory Committee on Local Rules, Williams & Connolly LLP, 680 Maine Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

Angela D. Caesar, Clerk

[New language is underlined, old language stricken]

**LCrR 24.1
JURY**

(a) SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

Grand and petit jurors shall be selected at random in accordance with a plan adopted by the Court and available from the Jury Office. Petit jurors shall be assigned to a single jury pool and reassigned for service upon the requisition of each trial judge.

(b) PUBLIC RELEASE OF JUROR INFORMATION

(1) *Petit Jurors:* ~~Officers of the Court and other parties who have access to juror names through the Court, including parties, attorneys, and other court personnel, shall not disclose names of prospective and sitting petit jurors to the public outside of open court, except upon order of the Court. A request for disclosure of petit juror names to the public must be made to the presiding judge.~~

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(2) *Grand Jurors*: As matters occurring before a grand jury are secret, and records, orders, and subpoenas relating to grand jury proceedings are maintained under seal, the release of the identity of grand jurors to the public or to the media presents significant legal and other issues. Accordingly, to protect and preserve grand jury secrecy, no disclosure is permitted to the public or to the media of the names, addresses, ~~or~~ telephone numbers, email addresses, or employment information of any member of a grand jury, except upon order of the Court. Should a request for information concerning the identity of a grand juror arise, the Court will determine whether the disclosure of such information is warranted, consistent with the provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e) and 28 U.S.C. § 1867(f).

LCvR 47.1

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