

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**JULY 2011 NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC CONCERNING THE
LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES ANNUAL RULE MAKING CYCLE**

The Lawyers' Advisory Committee ("LAC") for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey is soliciting comments and suggestions from the bar for the amendment of the Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules. To ensure that any submissions received will be fully considered by the Court and the LAC Local Rules Subcommittee, they must be received by September 30, 2011. Submissions received after that date may be considered for the current annual cycle of rule making if possible, but if not, they will be included in the next annual cycle.

Submissions should be e-mailed to lac@njb.uscourts.gov.

The annual cycle for local rules amendment is as follows:

- January and July 2011:** Notice goes to the bar via the court website (www.njb.uscourts.gov) that the LAC is seeking suggestions for amendments to the Court's local rules. The notice will detail the twelve (12) month schedule for rule amendment.
- September 30, 2011:** Deadline for submission. The submissions received, as well as any court initiated amendments, will be delivered to the LAC Local Rules Subcommittee. All submissions will be posted on the LAC section of the court's website.
- March 1, 2012:** Local Rules Subcommittee has six (6) previous months to schedule various meetings to consider and draft final suggested amendments. The subcommittee transmits amendments to the full LAC for adoption on this date. The full LAC schedules a meeting in the first week of March for review and recommendations for final transmission to the Bankruptcy Court Board of Judges.

March 2012:

Meeting of the Bankruptcy Court Board of Judges to discuss and approve/disapprove proposed amendments.

May 1, 2012:

Approved Rules are published for 30 day comment period.

June 1, 2012:

Rule amendments are submitted to District Court with any comments for consideration in time for their June meeting.

Approved rules become effective **August 1, 2012.**

July 7, 2011

James J. Waldron, Clerk