

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: PUBLICATION FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-17

Case No. 2:24-mc-10001

ORDER

AND NOW, this 11th day of September, 2026, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), which provides for appropriate public notice and an opportunity for comment before a district court prescribes rules for the conduct of its business, the Clerk of Court is directed to take the following actions:

- (a) Create a written notice (the “Notice”) concerning the proposed amendments to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania’s Local Civil and Criminal Rules of Court and Local Rules of Court for Bankruptcy Cases (the “PAWD Local Rules”) that includes: i) information about how the public can obtain an electronic copy of the proposed amendments to the PAWD Local Rules, which copy shall show, in redline, all changes being proposed to the current version of the PAWD Local Rules (eff. Nov. 1, 2016); ii) instructions for how the public can submit comments about the proposed amendments; and iii) a deadline for submission of comments, which date shall be at least 45 days, but not more than 50 days, from the date on which the Notice is first published in accordance with any provision of this Order;

- (b) Cause the Notice to be posted on the Court's publicly available website, pawd.uscourts.gov, in a location and manner that is readily accessible to public users;
- (c) Cause the Notice to be sent to all registered users of the Court's electronic case filing system via direct electronic communication;
- (d) Cause a hard copy of the proposed amendments to the PAWD Local Rules and the Notice to be publicly available in the Clerk's Offices located at the Erie, the Pittsburgh, and the Johnstown Courthouses;
- (e) Cause the Notice to be published in the *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*, the *Erie County Law Journal*, and the *Cambria County Legal Journal*; and
- (f) Collect all public comments received, and report and/or distribute the same as directed by the undersigned.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Date: September 11, 2026



Cathy Bissoon
Chief United States District Judge