

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**ORDER APPOINTING LOCAL RULES COMMITTEE**

The United States Bankruptcy Judges of the Middle District of North Carolina (the “Court”) are authorized pursuant to Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and by order of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina to make rules of practice and procedure governing bankruptcy cases and bankruptcy proceedings pending in this district (the “Local Rules”).

A Standing Local Rules Committee (the “Committee”) should be appointed to assist the Court in reviewing the Local Rules, suggesting and assessing proposed changes to the Local Rules, and soliciting comments from the bar and the general public concerning any proposed changes.

The Court has elected to establish the Committee for the benefit of the Court, debtors, creditors, members of the bar, and the general public.

The Committee will be charged with the duty to annually review the Local Rules and to make recommendations to the Court for any additions or amendments to the Local Rules.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. To the extent feasible, the Committee will be comprised of members of the following constituencies: the Bankruptcy Administrator, the Chapter 13 Standing Trustees, the Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, at least one panel Chapter 7 Trustee, at least one subchapter V

Chapter 11 Trustee, and consumer and commercial debtor and creditor attorneys.

2. A chair charged with administering the work of the Committee and preparing an annual report of recommendations to the Court will supervise the Committee. The Court will appoint the chair, who will serve a term of three years as chair.

3. The Court will also appoint Committee members in three classes who will serve for staggered terms of three years, except those Committee members who are Committee members by virtue of their employment status (Bankruptcy Administrator, Chapter 13 Standing Trustees, Clerk, Chief Deputy Clerk), whose terms are not limited. Committee members will serve no more than two consecutive terms. Those members who serve two consecutive terms may be reappointed one year after the expiration of the two consecutive terms. The chair of the Committee will alert the Court to an anticipated vacancy on the Committee no later than sixty days before such vacancy occurs. Effective upon the entry of this order, the members of the Committee, their classes, and terms will be as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Jennifer B. Lyday	Chair	September 30, 2027
Ashley S. Rusher	1	September 30, 2025
Edward C. Boltz	2	September 30, 2026
Samantha Brumbaugh	2	September 30, 2026

Pamela P. Keenan	3	September 30, 2027
J.P. Cournoyer	Bankruptcy Administrator	N/A
Reid Wilcox	Clerk	N/A
Julie Young	Chief Deputy Clerk	N/A
Anita Jo Kinlaw Troxler	Chapter 13 Trustee	N/A
Brandi L. Richardson	Chapter 13 Trustee	N/A

4. The annual rule making calendar will be as follows:
- a. By March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Court will make a recommendation of any additions and/or amendments to the Local Rules to the chair of the Committee.
  - b. The Committee will complete an annual review of the Local Rules by no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, including a review of any recommendations made by the Court, the bar, or the general public.
  - c. By July 31<sup>st</sup>, a report and recommendation of any new rules and/or amendments thereof (“the Rules Package”) will be forwarded to the Court by the chair.
  - d. The Court will review the report and recommendation and upon approval, the Rules Package will be submitted for public comment via the Court’s website. The period for public comment will take place from September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
  - e. The Rules Package, with any changes because of public comment, will be submitted to the Court with a recommendation from the Committee for their approval by no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - f. Unless the Court decides otherwise, the new Rules Package will be published by December 1<sup>st</sup> with an effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - g. The timelines set forth above may be adjusted at the discretion of the Court.

5. To the extent that no rule changes and/or additions are recommended in any given year, the Committee will provide a report to the Court indicating the same.

This the 8th day of October 2024.



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Lena Mansori James  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge



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Benjamin A. Kahn  
Bankruptcy Judge