

October 19, 2026

NOTICE

TO: THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PRACTICING BAR FOR THE EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF KENTUCKY

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky hereby give public notice of the following:

The Joint Local Rules Commission for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky has recommended, and the District Court has authorized for release for a period of public comment through December 21, 2026, the adoption and revision of certain Joint Local Rules of Civil Practice and Joint Local Rules of Criminal Practice. Unless otherwise indicated, as seen in this Notice, underlined text is added and ~~struck~~ text is deleted in rules to be amended. The proposed new rules and revisions are as follows:

- A. LR 6.2 and LCrR 45.2 Computation of Time** – After considering comments from practitioners and further discussion, these rules will be amended as follows to add clarity and consistency:

LR 6.2 Computation of Time—Date Certain
LCrR 45.2 Computation of Time—Date Certain

~~When any period of time set by Order of the Court or otherwise ends on a date certain and that date certain falls upon a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period of time continues to run until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.~~

If an order of the Court sets a specific calendar date by which a party must act, the date is not extended even if it falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

- B. LCrR 57.6(c) Substitution or Withdrawal of Attorney of Record** – will be amended as follows to remove application of the rule to the federal public defender office and to clarify that no notice of substitution is required for different federal public defenders who represent a defendant:

LCrR 57.6(c) Substitution or Withdrawal of Attorney of Record

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(c) By Notice of Substitution. In cases where an attorney seeks to be substituted for another attorney of record, and both attorneys are within the same governmental department or agency, ~~federal public defender office~~, or private law firm, a notice of substitution may be filed. The notice must be filed by the withdrawing attorney and the substitute attorney with an affirmative representation stating that the substitution is made with the client's consent.

- C. **LR 7.1(b) and LCrR 47.1(b), motions for extension** – will be amended as follows to make the rules consistent and to comport with current practice:

LR 7.1 Motions

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(b) **Motions for an Extension of Time.** ~~Subject to any deadlines established by the Court, parties may extend time limits by agreed order. Absent an agreed order, the party seeking the extension must file a motion setting forth the reasons for the extension and whether other parties consent. Extensions of time in civil actions will be granted only if the party or parties seeking the extension file a motion or joint motion demonstrating good cause. Extensions of time by agreed order are not valid.~~ AnyA response opposing the motion must be filed within 7 days of service of the motion.

LR 47.1 Motions

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(b) **Motions for an Extension of Time.** Extensions of time in criminal actions will be granted only if the party or parties seeking the extension files a motion or joint motion demonstrating good cause. Extensions of time by ~~agreement of the parties~~ agreed order are not valid ~~in criminal cases.~~ AnyA response opposing the motion must be filed within 7 days of service of the motion.

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Comments concerning the proposed rule amendments are welcome. Comments must be submitted in writing or via email on or before December 21, 2026, and should be sent to:

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