October 11, 2024

**N O T I C E**

**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 16, 2024, 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:

1. **LR 5.3(b) Pro Se Actions –** will be amended as follows in order to expressly allow for sanctions other than dismissal:

**LR 5.3 Pro Se Actions**

**…**

**(b) Papers Not on Court-Supplied Forms.** If a pro se litigant submits a paper identified in (a) above that is not on a court-supplied form, the Clerk will accept the paper for filing and forward it to an appropriate judicial officer for review. If directed by the appropriate judicial officer, the Clerk shall provide sufficient copies of the prescribed form, and instructions for preparing the form, to the pro se litigant along with directions to file the petition on the appropriate court-supplied form within thirty (30) days thereafter. When required to do so, a pro se litigant’s failure to file his or her petition on a court-supplied form within thirty (30) days may ~~be grounds for dismissal~~ result in the dismissal of the litigant’s case or other appropriate sanctions.

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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 16, 2024, and should be sent to:

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