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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: Amendment of Local Civil : Rules : O R D E R

The Court being vested with authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 and Rule 83 of the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to make and amend local rules; proposed amendments to Local

Civil Rules having been submitted to the Lawyers Advisory Committee and the public for

comment; no comments having been received; and the proposed amendments having been

approved by the Board of Judges;

IT IS, on this 5th day of December 2022, ORDERED that the Local Civil Rules are

amended to read:

Civ. RULE 40.1 ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

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(c) Related Cases. When a civil action, whether filed by counsel or a pro se party: (1) relates to any property included in a case already or previously pending in this Court; (2) grows out of the same transaction as any case already or previously pending in this Court; or (3) involves the validity or infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark which is involved in a case already or previously pending in this Court, counsel or the pro se party shall at the time of filing the action inform the Clerk of such fact. Whenever possible, such action shall be assigned to the same Judge to whom the pending or previously related action is or was assigned. (d) Notice and Objection.

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It is FURTHER ORDERED these amendments are effective this date.

FOR THE COURT:

FREDA L. WOLFSON

Chief Judge