UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 41.1(a)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2072 and Rule 83(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Board of Judges of this Court proposes to adopt the following amendment to Local Civil Rule 41.1(a), shortening the period of inactivity of a civil case that will make the case subject to dismissal.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court adopted an Emergency Amendment to Local Rule 41.1, as set forth in Standing Order 15-5 (filed December 23, 2015), consistent with the proposal and pending possible adoption of this proposal after notice and comment.

The proposed amendment would state:

L.Civ.R. 41.1 DISMISSAL OF INACTIVE CASES

(a) Civil cases, other than bankruptcy matters, which have been pending in the Court for more than 120 90 days without any proceedings having been taken therein must be dismissed for lack of prosecution by the Court (1) on its own motion, or (2) on notice from the Clerk to all parties who have appeared, unless good cause is shown with the filing of an affidavit or other document complying with 28 U.S.C.§1746 from counsel of record or the unrepresented party. Notice shall be provided by the Clerk of either action contemplated above under sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) to counsel, their client(s) and/or unrepresented persons who have appeared.

Comments may be submitted to William T. Walsh, Clerk of Court, Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building and Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07102 not later than **February 15, 2016**.

FOR THE COURT:

JEROME B. SIMANDLE Chief U.S. District Judge