NOTICE TO THE BAR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

RE: DECEMBER 2022 FEDERAL RULE AMENDMENTS

The latest amendments to the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure are effective December 1, 2022. Of note are amended Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1 and amended Fed. R. Crim. P. 16. Implementation of a new set of Supplement Rules for Social Security Actions under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) also begins on that date.

On the civil side, amended **Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1** ("Disclosure Statement") extends corporate disclosure requirements to nongovernmental corporations seeking to intervene. The revised rule also facilitates early determination of diversity jurisdiction by requiring parties and intervenors in diversity actions to identify the citizenship of every individual or entity whose citizenship is attributed to that party or intervenor. Such disclosure statements must be filed with the party's, intervenor's or proposed intervenor's first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response or other request addressed to the Court. <u>CDOC-117hdoc110.pdf (govinfo.gov)</u>

As for criminal matters, amended **Fed. R. Crim. P. 16** ("Discovery and Inspection") requires that courts, by order or local rule, establish a time, sufficiently before trial, for the government and defendant to disclose their expert witnesses, in order to provide a fair opportunity for their adversary to meet that evidence. <u>CDOC-117hdoc109.pdf (govinfo.gov)</u>

The District of New Jersey is in the process of amending its procedures to conform with the above-noted Federal Rule amendments, and will provide, to the Bar and all interested parties, notice and opportunity for comment, to the extent required pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b).

In anticipation of the new Supplemental Rules for Social Security Actions, applicable only to actions to review a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), this District has rescinded its Local Civil Rule 9.1, effective December 1, 2022.

Date: December 1, 2022

William T. Walsh, Clerk