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NOTICE TO THE BAR

April 30, 2025

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 301.1

Notice is hereby given to the Bar and all interested parties that the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey proposes to amend subsection (a) of Local Civil Rule 301.1. The proposed amendment is posted for public comment as required by 28 U.S.C. §2071(b) at <http://www.njd.uscourts.gov>. New text is underlined.

LOCAL CIVIL RULE 301.1 MEDIATION

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(a) (i) Designation of Mediators

(1) The Chief Judge shall designate as many mediators as determined to be necessary under this Rule. Mediators shall be designated for terms of service up to three years, subject to extension at the discretion of the Chief Judge, and such terms shall be staggered to provide orderly rotation of a portion of the membership of the panel of mediators.

(2) An individual may be designated to serve as a mediator if he or she:

(A) has been for at least five years a member of the bar of the highest court of a State or the District of Columbia;

(B) is admitted to practice before this Court;

(C) is determined by the Chief Judge to be competent to perform the duties of a mediator; and

(D) fulfills application criteria set by the Court.

(ii) Another Judge (including Bankruptcy Judges), as part of his or her official duties, may serve as a mediator/settlement judge and without compensation.

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Comments must be received by the Clerk of the Court by May 30, 2025 and should be addressed as follows:

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