UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT **DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE: Amendment of Local Civil : Rules ORDER :

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; the proposed amendments to the Local Civil Rules having been submitted to 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 2nd day of June 2025, ORDERED that the Local Civil Rules are amended to read:

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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It is FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments are effective immediately.

FOR THE COURT:

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