

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

JAMES W. BOYD
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Via ECF Notification

Members of the Bankruptcy Bar
United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Western District of Michigan

RE: Nomination of Members for the Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee ("Committee") to
Consider Revisions to the Local Bankruptcy Rules ("Local Rules")

Members of the Bar:

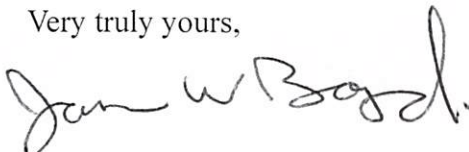
The last revision to the Local Rules occurred in 2018-2019. The Court's practice historically has been to periodically consider revisions to the Local Rules. Toward that end, the Court intends to reconstitute the Committee.

If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Committee, please send a letter to the Clerk of Court, Michelle Wilson, no later than March 1, 2025, identifying the nominee and their relevant qualifications. Letters may be submitted by mail or email at clerk_miw@miwb.uscourts.gov.

As revisions to the Local Rules are considered, please keep in mind that the drafting process will be governed by the letter of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9029(a) and the spirit of the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §2075. The purpose of any proposed revisions will not be to rewrite Bankruptcy Code provisions, Federal Rules, or court decisions with which members of the bar may disagree. The Committee's task will be to revise and propose rules to govern procedures not already addressed in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The tradition in this District is to have relatively few Local Rules and rely on the Federal Rules to govern practice in our Court.

Every document has room for improvement and that includes our Local Rules. Their clarity, wisdom, and fidelity to law are essential to our collective ability to help those who turn to our Court for assistance. I look forward to your help in forming a productive and balanced Committee.

Very truly yours,



James W. Boyd
United States Bankruptcy Judge