



United States District Court
District of South Carolina

Date: August 1, 2002

Subject: Proposed Local Rule Amendments

Notice

In August 2001, the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina adopted a new local rule (5.03) which prescribes sealing of documents filed with the court except when certain strict requirements, including public notice, are met. The court now proposes to amend Local Rule 5.03¹ to clarify that settlement agreements filed with the court will not be sealed.

The proposed amendment to Local Rule 5.03 provides:

- (C) No settlement agreement filed with the court shall be sealed pursuant to the terms of this rule.

The court also proposes to amend Local Rule 83.I.05² concerning "Appearances by Attorneys not Admitted in the District." The purpose of the proposed amendment is to conform the pro hac vice requirements for federal court practice to those of the South Carolina Supreme Court. The application fee would be raised from seventy-five dollars (\$75) to one hundred dollars (\$100), and an application form similar to the state court form would be required.

The complete text of Local Rules 5.03 and 83.I.05 (with proposed amendments) may be viewed and downloaded from the Court's internet web site located at www.scd.uscourts.gov. A public copy will also be available for review at the Clerk's Office (Intake Section) in Columbia, Charleston, Greenville and Florence.

You have an opportunity to comment on these proposed amendments to the Local Civil Rules. Any modification necessary as a result of public comment will be considered after September 30, 2002, the expiration date for receiving said comments. Comments should be sent to:

Larry W. Propes
Clerk of Court
U.S. District Court
1845 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

¹ The language of the current Local Civil Rule 5.03: Filing of Documents Under Seal can be viewed and downloaded from the Court's internet web site at the following link: <http://www.scd.uscourts.gov/Rules/Aug2001/CV/Ch5.pdf>

² The language of the proposed amendments to Local Civil Rule 83.1.05 that addresses appearances by attorneys not admitted in the District and the proposed application form will be available for review and downloading from the Court's internet web site by no later than August 30, 2002.