

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

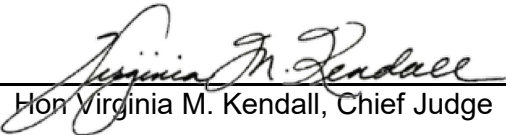
## PROPOSAL TO AMEND LOCAL RULE 40.3.1

On November 25, 2025, the full Court approved the proposed amendment to Local Rule 40.3.1 Assignments Involving Bankruptcy from the Civil Rules of this Court as attached (additions shown thus, and deletions shown ~~thus~~):

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**COMMENT:** By direction of the full Court and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e) regarding appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment, the Clerk is directed to: (a) cause notice of the proposed Local Rule 40.3.1 Assignments Involving Bankruptcy to be published in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, (b) cause notice of the proposal to amend and requests for comment to be posted on the web site for the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, (c) cause notice of the proposal to amend to be posted in the Courthouses at Chicago and Rockford, (d) indicate in such notice a final date for receipt of comments, which date shall be sixty days from the first date of publication in the *Law Bulletin*, (e) collect and distribute among the members of the Advisory Committee for Local Rules all comments received, and (f) following receipt of a copy of the report and recommendation of the Advisory Committee, distribute copies of the comments together with copies of the report and recommendation among the members of the Court for consideration at a regular meeting of the full Court.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

  
Hon Virginia M. Kendall, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 4th day December 2025

## LR 40.3.1 Assignments Involving Bankruptcy

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**(3)** appeals pursuant to [28 U.S.C. §158\(a\)\(1\)](#);

**(4)** motions for leave to appeal pursuant to [28 U.S.C. §158\(a\)\(3\)](#); and

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