

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Local Civil Rules
for the Eastern District of Louisiana**

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Public Notice is hereby given of proposed amendments to the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana as shown below. The new language is underlined and the old language is lined through.

LR 47.5 Interviewing Jurors

- (A) A juror has no obligation to speak to any person about any case and may refuse all interviews or requests for comments.
- (B) ~~No person may make repeated requests to interview or question a juror after the juror has expressed a desire not to be interviewed.~~ Attorneys and parties to an action, or anyone acting on their behalves, are prohibited from speaking with, examining or interviewing any juror, except after obtaining leave of court granted upon motion for good cause shown. If leave of court is granted, any such communication must be (a) limited to what is admissible under Federal Rule of Evidence 606(b), (b) conducted only as specifically directed by the court, and (c) occur only in the presence of the court.
- (C) ~~Except by leave of court granted upon motion for good cause shown, no attorney or party to an action or anyone acting on their behalf may examine or interview any juror. Any juror who consents to be interviewed must not disclose any information concerning:~~
- ~~(1) — The specific vote of any juror other than the juror being interviewed;~~
 - ~~(2) — The jury deliberations; or~~
 - ~~(3) — Evidence of improprieties in the jury's deliberations, except as to whether (a) extraneous prejudicial information was improperly brought to the juror's attention; (b) any outside influence was improperly brought to bear upon any juror; or (c) there was a clerical mistake in entering the verdict on the verdict form.~~

No person may make repeated requests to interview or question a juror after the juror has expressed a desire not to be interviewed. Under no circumstances, except as provided in Federal Rules of Evidence 606(b)(2) in an inquiry conducted under court supervision, may a juror disclose any information concerning;

- (1) Any statement made or incident that occurred during the jurors' deliberations;
- (2) The effect of anything on that juror's or another juror's vote;
- (3) Any juror's mental processes concerning the verdict; or
- (4) The specific vote of any juror other than the juror being interviewed.

LR 67.1 Receipt and Deposit of Registry Funds

Funds received in the registry of the court must be deposited by the clerk with this court's designated depository in an account bearing interest. ~~at ordinary passbook rates.~~

~~If the principal sum deposited is \$10,000.00 or more, upon motion of an interested party, a judge of this court may instruct the clerk to reinvest the sum in an account bearing interest with a higher return.~~

LR 67.2 Form of Order

~~A proposed order to invest registry funds must specify (1) the amount to be invested; (2) the type of investment and that it must be made at the prevailing rate of interest; (3) the name of the institution, if other than the court's designated depository; and (4) the length of time the fund is to be invested and whether it is to be automatically rolled over at maturity. The order must be consented to in writing by all parties who might ultimately be determined to be entitled to the fund and who might be adversely affected by any provision such as a possible penalty for early withdrawal of the fund.~~

~~A proposed order pertaining to the investment of registry funds must be accompanied by a certification by the moving party that the proposed order has been submitted to the clerk for review. Before the signing of the order, the clerk will certify to the judge that the proposed order is in compliance with the United States Treasury Regulations governing deposit of registry funds.~~

~~The moving party must confirm that the clerk and the financial administrator have actual knowledge of any order signed by a judge directing that registry funds be invested other than in the court's savings account. The moving party must verify that the provisions of the order have been carried out.~~

~~Unless otherwise specifically provided by order of a judge of this court, the ultimate beneficiary or beneficiaries of any appreciation resulting from investing in interest-bearing accounts must be that person or those persons ultimately found to be entitled to receive the principal thereof.~~

An order signed by the presiding judge in the case or proceeding is required for money to be sent to the Court or its officers for deposit in the Court's registry. The party making the deposit or transferring funds to the Court's registry shall serve the order permitting the deposit or transfer on the Clerk of Court. All monies ordered to be paid to the Court or received by its officers in any case pending or adjudicated shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States in the name and to the credit of this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2041 through depositories designated by the Treasury to accept such deposit on its behalf.

Comments may be made in writing via email to Clerk@laed.uscourts.gov or addressed to Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, EDLA, 500 Poydras St., Room C-151, New Orleans, LA 70130 by July 19, 2014.

June 19, 2014

William W. Blevins, Clerk