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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF IOWA

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IA

IN THE MATTER OF  
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
THE LOCAL RULES OF COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

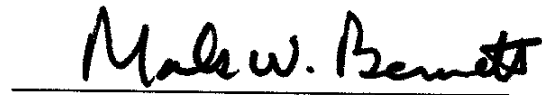
Order No. MI-38


For cause, it is

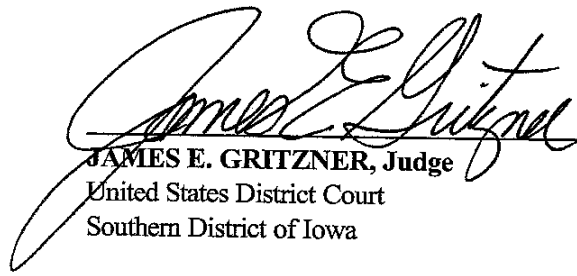
**ORDERED** that the Local Rules Committee of the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa is authorized to publish the attached notice, which shall constitute compliance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83(a)(1).

Dated this 16th day of October, 2002.

  
RONALD E. LONGSTAFF, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Iowa

  
MARK W. BENNETT, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Iowa

  
ROBERT W. PRATT, Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Iowa

  
JAMES E. GRITZNER, Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Iowa

## 2003 REVISIONS TO THE LOCAL FEDERAL RULES

The Local Rules Committee for the Southern and Northern Districts of Iowa has proposed certain revisions to the Local Rules implemented on January 1, 2001, and amended February 15, 2001. These revisions were prompted by the implementation of electronic filing in the Southern District last year and the planned implementation of electronic filing in the Northern District next year. The committee also took this opportunity to propose some additional amendments to clarify a few of the existing rules, to add some language to address some additional areas of practice, and to make a few stylistic revisions so that the Local Rules are consistent with the style of recent amendments to the Federal Rules.

On or before October 25, 2002, the committee will post its recommendations on the courts' web sites, *www.iand.uscourts.gov* for the Northern District and *www.iasd.uscourts.gov* for the Southern District. The public is invited to review and make comments on these recommendations. Comments may be made using the procedures available on the web sites, or may be directed to United States Magistrate Judge Paul A. Zoss, 104 U.S. Courthouse, 320 Sixth Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101; 712-233-3921; e-mail: *paul\_zoss@iand.uscourts.gov*. Comments will be accepted through December 1, 2002.

The proposed revisions to the local rules will become effective only upon approval by the Article III judges of the districts, which the committee anticipates will be on or before December 15, 2002. The planned effective date of the amendments is January 1, 2003.