

## **Summary of the Amendments to the Local Rules of the Western District of New York**

### **Local Rules of Civil Procedure**

- **Rule 72.** The amendment eliminates the requirement that civil cases be assigned by the Clerk to a District Judge and Magistrate Judge.
- **Rule 83.1(c).** The amendment eliminates the requirement that *pro hac vice* applicants complete a Pro Bono Service Form.
- **Rule 83.2(c).** The amendment requires that substitutions of counsel be signed by the party substituting counsel, except where the new attorney of record is in the same firm as the former attorney of record.

### **Local Rules of Criminal Procedure**

Much like the January 1, 2011 amendments to the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, this year's amendments to the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure are intended to remove redundancies and conform the Local Rules to the current Federal Rules and the Court's current case management practices. These amendments include the following:

- Elimination of Rules 6 (Grand Jury), 24 (Jury Trials), 32.1 (Presentence Report), Rule 44 (Appointment of Counsel) and 49.3 (Stipulations), as duplicative of the Federal Rules or unnecessary.
- Updating Rules 12.1 (Procedures for Criminal Cases), 12.2 (Motions) and 49.1 (Service and Filing of Papers), to conform to current practices.
- Renumbering of the Local Rules consistent with the Federal Rules.