**Summary of the Proposed Amendment to the Local Patent Rules of the Western District of New York to be**

**Effective January 1, 2024.**

The Western District of New York’s Local Rules Committee, which is comprised of Court personnel and members of the bar of this Court, convenes on an annual basis to ensure that the Local Rules conform to the Federal Rules amendments and current practices of this Court, as well as to address any Local Rule concerns raised by our bar. The Committee proposes the following amendment for consideration.

1. **Amending Rule 1.4 of the Local Patent Rules referring to the citation to those Rules.**

Currently Rule 1.4 provides as follows:

##  Citation

 These rules shall be cited as “L. Pat. R. \_\_\_\_\_.”

 The Committee has previously voted to amend the citations to both the Local and Criminal Rules of Civil Procedure to read “Loc. R. Civ. P.” and “Loc. R. Crim. P.” To be consistent, it is proposed that Rule 1.4 of the Local Patent Rules be amended to read “Loc. Pat. R. \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Redline Version:**

**RULE 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

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1.4 Citation

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**Final Version:**

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