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ROBERT A. KATZMANN
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KAREN GREVE MILTON
CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE

MEMORANDUM
July 22, 2019

To: Second Circuit Judicial Council
From: Karen Greve Milton, Circuit Executive



Re: Proposed Revisions to Local Civil Rules – District of Connecticut

The Board of Judges for the District of Connecticut approved a proposal to revise Local Civil Rule 83.10 – Civil Pro Bono Panel. The Board of Judges for the District of Connecticut requests the Second Circuit Judicial Council's final approval.

The proposed changes are reflected in the attached proposed revised Local Civil Rule 83.10 – Civil Pro Bono Panel. Also attached is a redlined version of the Rule that illustrates the specific changes.

Kindly return your ballot by fax 212 857-8680, or by email, by Monday, July 29, 2019.

Thank you.

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Judge: _____

____ Yes, I approve the proposed revisions to Local Civil Rules – District of Connecticut

____ No, I do not approve the proposed revisions to Local Civil Rules – District of Connecticut

____ I request additional information and/or further discussion

RULE 83.10

CIVIL PRO BONO PANEL

(Amended ~~December 22, 2017~~ July , 2019)

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(g) Relief From Appointments

Motions for relief from appointment are disfavored, as the Court views the acceptance of pro bono assignments from time to time as a professional responsibility of the attorneys who are members of its Bar. Any such motion shall comply with Rule 6.2 of the Connecticut Rules of Professional Conduct and Local Rule 7(e). Relief from appointment is unlikely to be granted on the grounds that the appointment would be burdensome or interfere with counsel's other professional obligations where the Court can fashion a case schedule that reasonably mitigates such difficulties. Relief from appointment is also unlikely to be granted on the ground that counsel lacks experience in the area of law involved in the case. In the Court's experience, even an attorney who is inexperienced or unfamiliar with the subject matter can provide valuable assistance to an unrepresented person. If an attorney is currently engaged in, or has in the previous 12 months completed, a pro bono representation under this rule or a case in this Court in which the attorney was appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3006A, and does not wish to accept a new pro bono assignment, that attorney may file, within 14 days of the entry of the order appointing counsel, a notice so indicating and specifying the docket number of the case in which he or she was appointed. In addition, if an attorney has reached the age of 70 and does not wish to accept the appointment, the attorney may file a notice so indicating. In either case, upon the filing of such a notice, the Court will vacate the order of appointment and will appoint a new attorney from the assignment wheel.

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