

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

NOTICE REGARDING LOCAL RULES

Proposed revisions to the following Local Rule have been posted on the USDC website:

Local Civil Rule 83.10 – Civil Pro Bono Panel

The Rules can be reviewed in their entirety at: www.ctd.uscourts.gov

Comments are welcomed by the Court and should be directed to:

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To be considered, comments must be received by July 19, 2019.

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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