

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STANDING ORDER NO. 2010-7

It appearing proper, there is hereby established a Local Rules Advisory Committee for the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”).

1. Duties. The Committee shall consider suggestions from the bench, the bar, and the public for changes to the Local Rules and submit such recommendations as it deems appropriate to the Court.

2. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of not more than nine voting members, consisting of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, or his or her designee; the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Virginia, or his or her designee; the Clerk of this Court, or his or her designee; a magistrate judge serving in this Court; and not more than five members of the bar.

3. Terms of Office. The magistrate judge member and the members of the bar shall be appointed by the Court for terms of three years, and may be reappointed, provided that no such member shall serve more than six consecutive years as a member of the Committee. Upon initial appointment, the members of the bar will be divided by lot so that some of the initial terms expire in less than three years. Appointments thereafter of such members shall be for terms of three years. Any member of the Committee may be removed by the Court with or without cause at any time. In the event a vacancy occurs prior to the end of a member’s term, a successor shall be appointed by the Court for the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

4. Designated Members. The United States Attorney, the Federal Public Defender, and the Clerk may at any time designate in their place employees of their respective offices, either for a particular period of time, including a particular meeting of the Committee, or for an indefinite period of time. A designee shall have the right to vote.

5. Chairman. A member of the Committee shall be appointed Chairman of the Committee by the Chief Judge of the Court, to serve as such at the pleasure of the Chief Judge, or of the Court. The Chairman shall be responsible for convening the Committee and presiding at its meetings. The Chairman may designate a temporary chairman in his or her absence.

6. Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least annually. The Committee shall act by majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of four members of the Committee. Reasonable notice shall be given of any meeting of the Committee, including the subject matter thereof. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and notice thereof shall be posted on the Court's public web site.

7. Service. No member shall be entitled to compensation for his or her service on the Committee, provided that reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by members in the exercise of their duties may be made if public funds are available therefor.

It is so **ORDERED**.

For the Court:

ENTER: March 29, 2010

/s/ JAMES P. JONES
Chief United States District Judge