IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: AMENDED LOCAL RULE OF

GENERAL PROCEDURE 2.01 AND

LOCAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.10 and 7.20

Miscellaneous No: 1:22-MC-45

ORDER

Effective December 1, 2022, the Local Rules of General Procedure and the Local Rules of Civil Procedure For the United States district Court for the Northern District are hereby amended as follows¹:

LR Gen P 2.01. Disclosure Statement.

In order for a presiding judicial officer to be aware of any potential issues regarding judicial disqualification on the basis of financial information unknown to the Court, a nongovernmental corporate party to any civil or criminal proceeding, a nongovernmental corporation that seeks to intervene in a civil proceeding, and the government in a criminal proceeding, must provide the Court with sufficient

 $^{^1}$ This amendment is consistent with amended Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 which takes effect on December 1, 2022. The amendment expands the disclosure statement requirements to include corporate disclosure information and that all parties and intervenors in cases asserting diversity of citizenship jurisdiction provide a statement regarding that party's citizenship.

information to allow the judge to make an informed decision about any potential conflict of interest pursuant to the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rules Governing Judicial Conduct.

- (a) Form Provided by the Clerk of Court: The Clerk of Court shall provide on the Court Internet Site (www.wvnd.uscourts.gov) a form that parties may use to provide any statement required by this Rule or, in lieu thereof, a party may prepare and file a similar statement containing the same information required by this Rule.
- (b) Form Provided by Counsel: The form shall be filed by counsel in the Case Management/Electronic Case Files

 Please also refer to LR Civ P 7.10 for further guidance regarding the filing of Corporate Disclosures in civil actions.

LR Civ P 7.10. Disclosure Statement.

In order for a presiding judicial officer to be aware of any potential issues regarding judicial disqualification on the basis of financial information unknown to the Court, a non-governmental corporate party to any civil or criminal proceeding, a nongovernmental corporation that seeks to intervene in a civil proceeding, and the government in a criminal proceeding, must provide the Court with sufficient information to allow the judge to make an informed decision

about any potential conflict of interest pursuant to the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rules Governing Judicial Conduct.

- (a) Form Provided by the Clerk of Court: The Clerk of Court shall provide a form on the Court Internet Site (www.wvnd.uscourts.gov) that parties may use to provide any statement required by this Rule or, in lieu thereof, a party may prepare and file a similar statement containing the same information required by this Rule.
- (b) Form Filed by Counsel: The form shall be filed by counsel in CM/ECF.

LR Civ P 7.20. Disclosure Statement in a Diversity Action.

In diversity actions, any party or intervenor that is a limited liability corporation (LLC), a limited liability partnership (LLP), a master limited partnership (MLP), or a partnership must, in the disclosure statement required by Fed. P. 7.1, list Civ. those states from which owners/members/partners of the LLC, LLP, MLP, or partnership are citizens. If any owner/member/partner of the LLC, LLP, MLP, or partnership is another LLC, LLP, MLP, or partnership, then the disclosure statement must also list those states from which the owners/members/partners of the LLC, LLP, MLP, or partnership are citizens.

It is so **ORDERED** this 21st day of November, 2022 with approval of the Court.

Tom 8 Klul Honorable Thomas S. Kleeh

Chief Judge

United States District Court