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EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS ADOPT REVISIONS TO JOINT LOCAL CIVIL RULE AND LOCAL ADMIRALTY RULES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25

The United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York have adopted revisions to Joint Local Civil Rule 1.5 and Local Admiralty Rules B.2 and C.1. The revised rules go into effect on Monday, February 25 and can be found online at: http://go.usa.gov/4zcj.

The courts adopted new subsection (h) of Local Civil Rule 1.5 to impose an obligation upon an attorney who has been disbarred, suspended, or censured by one court to notify other courts. The courts amended Local Admiralty Rule B.2 to clarify the plaintiff's notice obligation following an attachment. The courts also amended Local Admiralty Rule C.1 to specify that the Rule applies to a summons issued pursuant to Rule C(3)(c). The revisions are as follows:

Local Civil Rule 1.5(h)

(h) <u>Duty of Attorney to Report Discipline</u> (1) In all cases in which any federal, state or territorial court, agency or tribunal has entered an order disbarring or censuring an attorney admitted to the bar of this Court, or suspending the attorney from practice, whether or not on consent, the attorney shall deliver a copy of said order to the Clerk of this Court within fourteen days after the entry of the order. (2) In all cases in which any member of the bar of this Court has resigned from the bar of any federal, state or territorial court, agency or tribunal while an investigation into allegations of misconduct against the attorney was pending, the attorney shall report such resignation to the Clerk of this Court within fourteen days after the submission of the resignation. (3) In all cases in which this Court has entered an order disbarring or censuring an attorney, or suspending the attorney from practice, whether or not on consent, the attorney shall deliver a copy of said order within fourteen days after the entry of the order to the clerk of each federal, state or territorial court, agency and tribunal in which such attorney has been admitted to practice. (4) Any failure of an attorney to comply with the requirements of this Local Civil Rule 1.5(h) shall constitute a basis for discipline of said attorney pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.5(c).

Local Admiralty Rule B.2. Notice of Attachment.

The plaintiff shall give prompt notice to the defendant of an attachment following plaintiff's being advised of such attachment by the garnishee. Such notice shall be in writing, and may be given by [telex, telegram, cable,] fax, email, or other verifiable electronic means. (New text underlined, deletions shown.)

Local Admiralty Rule C.1. Intangible Property.

The summons issued pursuant to Supplemental Rule C(3)(c) shall direct the person having control of freight (New text underlined, old language continues after "freight.")