

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

By public notice dated March 8, 2017, this Court provided notice and solicited comment regarding proposed amendments to the Local Rules of the Court to correct formatting, numbering sequence and update statutory references. The Judges of the United States District Court have found substantial merit in the new rules, and after review have determined to adopt the rules as proposed.

The publication includes the proposed amendment to Local Rule 40.1 previously published for comment in February 2016. The rule has been numbered and incorporated as Local Rule 40.1 (i)(2).

Transfers of Criminal Cases. A judge may transfer a criminal case to another judge, with the consent of (1) the other judge, (2) the chief judge, and (3) the parties in the transferred case, in order to permit a defendant charged in multiple criminal cases to plead guilty, to stand trial, to be sentenced, or otherwise to address multiple criminal matters involving that defendant in a single proceeding.

Accordingly, the Local Rules have been amended and adopted so as to include the amendments effective July 1, 2017. These amendments and the full Local Rules may be found on the court's website at <http://www.mad.uscourts.gov/general/rules-home.htm>.

June 23, 2017

/s/ Robert M. Farrell
Clerk of Court