

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CORRECTION TO LOCAL RULE 16.1 SERVICE OF PROCESS**

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has approved the following corrections to align our local rule with the recent changes to the Federal Rules. The corrected rule, effective immediately, is as follows:

**RULE 16.1 EARLY ASSESSMENT OF CASES**

**(a) Scheduling Conference in Civil Cases.** In every civil action, except in categories of actions exempted by LR 16.2 as inappropriate for scheduling procedures, the judge or, in the interests of the efficient administration of justice, a designated magistrate judge shall convene a scheduling conference as soon as practicable, but in any event within 60 days after the appearance of a defendant and within 90 days after the complaint has been served on a defendant. In cases removed to this court from a state court or transferred from any other federal court, the judge or designated magistrate judge shall convene a scheduling conference within 60 days after removal or transfer.

This public notice has been posted to the “Announcements” and “Rules” pages of the court’s web site at <http://www.mad.uscourts.gov>.

July 15, 2016

/s/ Robert M. Farrell  
Clerk of Court

**CORRECTION OF LOCAL RULE 4.1  
(RED LINE VERSION)**

(a) Any summons not returned with proof that it was served within ~~one hundred~~ twenty ninety (~~120~~90) days of the filing of the complaint is deemed to be unserved for the purpose of Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

(b) Counsel and parties appearing pro se who seek to show good cause for the failure to make service within the ~~120~~90 day period prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) shall do so by filing a motion for enlargement of time under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b), together with a supporting affidavit. If on the 14th day following the expiration of the ~~120~~90 day period good cause has not been shown as provided herein, the clerk shall forthwith automatically enter an order of dismissal for failure to effect service of process, without awaiting any further order of the court. ....