

May 15, 2025

Vicki Kinkade
Chief Deputy Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:

AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES
(effective May 15, 2025)

Administrative Order No. 199-1


O R D E R

The Court hereby gives notice of its adoption of Amended Local Rules effective May 15, 2025. The amendments were posted for public comment from April 10, 2025, through May 1, 2025. The Court received two comments to Local Rule 83.04 (Release of Information Concerning Civil Proceedings) and one comment to Local Rule 7.02 (Mandatory Disclosure Statements). The Court has adopted the following changes to the rules following the public comment period.

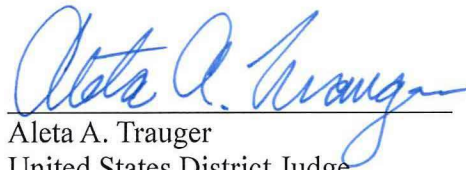
Local Rule 83.04 (Release of Information Concerning Civil Proceedings) was revised to address the concerns raised in the public comments. Additionally, the following modifications were made to create consistency throughout the local rules due to the change to Local Rule 83.04: (i) Local Rule 83.01(c)(6) is deleted and replaced with Local Rule 83.00 - Rules of Professional Conduct, and (ii) Local Criminal Rule 57.02(a) is modified to incorporate Local Rule 83.00 in addition to Local Rule 83.01. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2071(e). A copy of the revisions is attached and incorporated herein by reference. Finally, revised Local Criminal Rule 2.01 (Release of Information in Criminal Proceedings) was not adopted to allow additional consideration by the Local Rules Committee. Local Criminal Rule 2.01, effective January 24, 2020, remains in effect pending further review.

The Clerk shall furnish copies of this Order and the rules as amended to the Judicial Council
of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

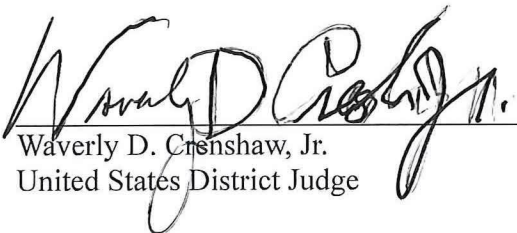
IT IS SO ORDERED.




William L. Campbell, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge



Aleta A. Trauger
United States District Judge



Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr.
United States District Judge



Eli J. Richardson
United States District Judge

LR83.00 – RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Lawyers who are admitted to practice in this Court, including admission *pro hac vice*, are bound by the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (“TNRPC”), as may be amended.

[replaces LR83.01 – ATTORNEYS

(c) Disbarment and Discipline

(6) The standard of professional conduct of the members of the bar of this Court shall include the current Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. A violation of any of the Rules of Professional Conduct in connection with any matter pending before this Court will subject the offending attorney to appropriate disciplinary action. The Court may appoint a grievance committee to investigate complaints of professional misconduct by an attorney in connection with that attorney’s practice in this Court. In such case the committee appointed will operate under the directions of the Court and may take such actions as directed by the Court. In the alternative, such complaints may be forwarded by the Court to the appropriate disciplinary authority. This Rule shall not apply to RPC 3.6 (Trial Publicity), which is superseded as a rule of this District by LR 83.04 and LCrR2.01.

which is deleted.]

LR83.04 – RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

- (a) **By Lawyers.** To promote fairness and protect the integrity of the judicial process, lawyers’ conduct in releasing information is subject to TNRPC 3.6, which lawyers are expected to thoroughly review.
- (b) **By Courthouse Personnel.** All court personnel and United States Marshals Service employees and contractors are prohibited from disclosing to any person, without authorization by the Court, information relating to a pending proceeding that is not part of the public record of the Court and from discussing with the public the merits of such proceeding while it is pending before the Court. This Rule specifically forbids the divulging of information concerning arguments and hearings held in chambers or otherwise outside the presence of the public.

[LCrR2.01 – Release of Information Concerning Criminal Proceedings not adopted and returned to Local Rules Committee for further review considering changes to LR83.04 – Release of Information Concerning Civil Proceedings. LCr2.01 effective January 24, 2020 will remain place pending further review.]

LCrR57.02 – ATTORNEYS

- (a) **Applicability of Local Rules 83.00 and 83.01.** The provisions of LR 83.00 and 83.01 apply generally to all proceedings in criminal cases, except as modified by this rule.