

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

In re:

No. 2022-03

**Appointment of
Advisory Rules Committee.**

GENERAL ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2077(b), a bankruptcy court “shall appoint an advisory committee for the study of the rules of practice and internal operating procedures of such court.” An Advisory Rules Committee will assist the Court and the Clerk’s Office by providing comment on proposed changes to the local rules; serving as a resource for attorneys who practice in this District; and enhancing communication between the various stakeholders in the practice of bankruptcy law in this District.

To that end, the Bankruptcy Judges of this District hereby establish the Advisory Rules Committee and establish the method for the appointment of members.

The Advisory Rules Committee shall have eight members composed of practicing attorneys selected by the judges to serve for a two-year term. Half of the members initially selected will serve for three years to provide continuity. Representation will be apportioned as follows:

1. Two members each from the Northern and Southern Divisions.
2. One member from the Northeastern Division.
3. One member from the Winchester Division.
4. One member from the U.S. Trustee’s Office.
5. One member will be a Standing Chapter 13 Trustee or a staff attorney from that office.

To be eligible for selection, attorneys must have a minimum of three years' experience practicing before the Bankruptcy Court, and their practices should include a material amount of time spent on bankruptcy or insolvency matters. The members shall reflect the various constituencies who appear before the Court.

There shall also be two observers on the committee to provide the Rules Committee with insight on court and chamber operations. Those members shall be a law clerk selected by the Chief Judge, in consultation with the other judges, and a Deputy Clerk of the Court.

The Advisory Rules Committee shall meet at the request of the Chief Judge to provide a report to the judges on proposed new or amended rules. This review shall be in addition to any public comment period required by statute or existing rules. After the initial selection of the chairperson and the reporter by the court for the first year, the Committee shall thereafter elect the chairperson and reporter of the Committee's recommendations or comments for one-year terms beginning January 1, 2024. The judges may refer attorney requests for rule changes to the Advisory Rules Committee for input.

ENTERED: December 21, 2022

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