

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

COMPOSITION OF LOCAL RULES
COMMITTEES

STANDING ORDER NO. 42

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2077(b), the Court has long had advisory committees to assist the court with development of and amendments to the Local Rules. In recognition of the valuable roles these Committees play, the following procedures shall apply:

1. The Court will continue to have separate committees for the Civil Local Rules, the Criminal Local Rules, and the Patent Local Rules.
2. Each Committee will be chaired by a judge appointed by the Chief Judge, ordinarily a Magistrate Judge.
3. Committee members shall be appointed by the Chief Judge, after consultation with the other judges, with the goal of having broad representation across practice areas and practice settings.
4. The First Assistant Federal Public Defender and the Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, or other designees of the Federal Public Defender and U.S. Attorney, respectively, shall be *ex officio*, voting members of the Local Criminal Rules Committee. The Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, or another designee of the U.S. Attorney, shall be an *ex officio*, voting member of the Local Civil Rules Committee.

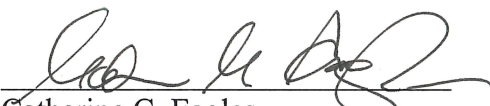
5. Committee members shall be members of the Bar of the Middle District of North Carolina, actively practice in this District, and to the extent feasible live in the Middle District.

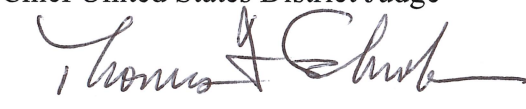
6. Committee members shall serve a term of three years with the possibility of a second term.


7. Absent unusual circumstances, no committee member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Such members are eligible for reappointment after a break in service. This paragraph does not apply to the *ex officio* members in paragraph 4.

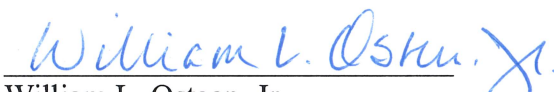
8. The first terms under this Standing Order shall commence on January 1, 2027. Term length will be staggered for these initial appointments.

This the 27th day of May, 2026.



Catherine C. Eagles
Chief United States District Judge


Thomas D. Schroeder
United States District Judge


Lindsey A. Freeman
United States District Judge


William L. Osteen, Jr.
United States District Judge


David A. Bragdon
United States District Judge


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