

**By-Laws of the  
Local Rules Committee for the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Ohio**

The following By-Laws have been adopted by the Court for the governance of the Local Rules Committee.

**Charge:** The Local Rules Committee is a standing committee of the Court and is charged with advising the Court from time to time of any needed changes to the Local Rules of Civil and Criminal Practice. In arriving at recommendations, the Committee shall consider changes occurring in local practice, in national rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States, in relevant federal statutes and caselaw, and in policy recommendations of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Authority for adoption of local rules is found in Fed. R. Civ. P. 83, which provides in pertinent part that “A local rule must be consistent with—but not duplicate—federal rules and statutes adopted under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2072 and 2075, and must conform to any uniform numbering system prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States.”

**Members:** The Local Rules Committee shall consist of the Chair and Secretary of the Committee, persons occupying the offices given *ex officio* status herein, and not fewer than nine additional members at large from the practicing bar or court staff.

**Appointment and Term of Service:** All members and officers shall be appointed by the Chief Judge for terms of three years, ending on September 30th of a designated year, except that, in order to provide staggered terms, the Chief Judge has by general order designated an end of term for the Chair, the Secretary, and each of the at-large members serving on the Committee as of January 1, 2020. Members are eligible to be reappointed for one additional three-year term, but due regard shall be given to rotation of membership.

**Ex Officio Members:** The following persons shall be members of the Committee *ex officio* during their respective terms of office: The Chief Judge, the Magistrate Judges, the United States Attorney, the Federal Defender for the Southern District of Ohio, and the Clerk of Court.

**Officers:** The Chief Judge shall appoint a Chair and a Secretary, who shall have the responsibilities ordinarily appertaining to those positions. The Clerk shall provide to the officers such clerical assistance as they may require, including posting of notices on the Court's website and archival storage for the Committee's records.

**Meetings:** The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair or the Chief Judge at such places within the District as may be convenient and at such times as necessary to conduct the Committee's business. Although the Committee shall act as a whole, the Chair may from time to time ask some members to act as a drafting subcommittee.

**Reports:** The Committee shall make written recommendations to the Court of proposed changes in the Local Rules. For ease of review by the Court and by the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council, rule change recommendations shall be accompanied by a red-lined copy of the Rules showing present and proposed revised language.

**Effective Date:** These By-Laws became effective upon adoption by the Court on March 6, 2020.