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6 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

8 In the matter of:

9 LOCAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY  
10 PROCEDURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**GENERAL ORDER 21-2**

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12 The Court having determined that it is necessary to appoint an advisory committee for  
13 the purposes of reviewing, reporting on, and making recommendations to the Court regarding  
14 the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the District of Arizona (the “Local Rules”), the  
15 bankruptcy judges of the District of Arizona adopt this General Order, which is stated as  
16 follows:

17 **LOCAL RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

18 **(a) Advisory Committee.**

19 **(1) Appointment.** The Chief Bankruptcy Judge shall appoint members of a  
20 Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) to  
21 serve such terms as the Chief Judge designates, along with a Bankruptcy Judge to  
22 serve as Committee Chair.

23 **(2) Responsibilities.** The Committee shall make reports and  
24 recommendations to the Court regarding the following matters:

25 (A) The consistency of the Local Rules with the United States  
26 Constitution, Acts of Congress, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy  
27 Procedure, and General Orders of the Court; and

28 (B) Proposed amendments to the Local Rules.

1           **(b) Procedures.**

2           **(1) Submitting Proposals.** Any person or organization may propose  
3 amendments to the Local Rules by submitting them online on the Court website  
4 at <https://azb.uscourts.gov/lrc> or email to [local\\_rules@azb.uscourts.gov](mailto:local_rules@azb.uscourts.gov).

5 Proposals submitted by September 30 will become effective on December 1 of the  
6 following year, if adopted.

7           **(2) Initial Consideration.** The Chair will convene the Committee's first  
8 annual meeting each October. The Committee will review proposals for rejection,  
9 deferral or recommendation to the Court for consideration. The Chair will assign  
10 drafting responsibility to a Committee member of those proposals being  
11 recommended to the Court. The Committee will forward the final proposed  
12 amendments to the Court by February 28. The Court will decide whether to  
13 approve the proposed amendments for circulation to the bar and the public by  
14 April 30.

15           **(3) Public Comment.** The Court will distribute approved proposed  
16 amendments to the State Bar of Arizona and post them on the Court's website.  
17 The bar and the public may submit comments until June 30 either online on the  
18 Court website or to the Clerk, marked to the attention of the Committee. The  
19 Committee will forward the comments, an evaluation of the comments, and the  
20 final proposed amendments to the Court by August 15.

21           **(4) Final Adoption.** The Court will adopt, modify or reject the final proposed  
22 amendments by September 30.

23           **(5) Alteration of Timing and Procedure.** For cause, the Court may alter the  
24 timing or procedures set forth in this General Order.

25           **(c) Emergency Amendments.** When the Court or the Committee determines there is  
26 an immediate need to implement an amendment, including a technical, clarifying  
27 or conforming amendment, the Court may adopt it without prior comment by the  
28 bar or the public. Amendments adopted under this subsection will later be

1                   circulated to the bar and the public for comment and reevaluated by the Committee  
2                   and the Court according to the deadlines set forth above.

3                   **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4                   Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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10                  Honorable Brenda Moody Whinery, Chief Judge

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