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NOTICE OF FINAL AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 47.0

On May 18, 2009, this court amended Local Rule 47.0, on an immediate basis, to reflect a change in the number of members of the Advisory Committee on Rules. At the same time, the court solicited comments. No comments were received.

The court hereby provides notice of the final adoption of the amendments made on May 18, 2009. A copy of Local Rule 47.0 with the amendments incorporated is attached.

September 14, 2009

Richard Cushing Donovan
Clerk of Court

Local Rule 47.0. Local Rules of the First Circuit

(a) Advisory Committee

(1) **Membership.** In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2077(b) an advisory committee on the rules of practice and internal operating procedures is hereby created for the court. This committee shall consist of members of the Bar of the court as follows: Three members from the District of Massachusetts, two members from the District of Puerto Rico and one each from the Districts of Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. In addition, a ninth member shall be appointed, which position shall rotate among the five districts.

(2) **Duties.** The advisory committee shall have an advisory role concerning the rules of practice and internal operating procedures of the court. The advisory committee shall, among other things,

- (A) provide a forum for continuous study of the rules of practice and internal operating procedures of the court;
- (B) serve as a conduit between the bar and the public and the court regarding procedural matters and suggestions for changes;
- (C) consider and recommend rules and amendments for adoption; and
- (D) render reports from time to time, on its own initiative and on request, to the court.

(3) **Terms of Members.** The members of the advisory committee shall serve three-year terms, which will be staggered, so that three new members will be appointed every year in such order as the court decides. The court shall appoint one of the members of the committee to serve as chairman.

- (b) **Comments from Members of the Bar.** Prior to the adoption of a proposed amendment to these Rules, if time permits, the court will seek the comments and recommendations of interested members of the bar through the office of the clerk and with the aid of the advisory committee created pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2077.