

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED NEW RULE 206 TO THE LOCAL RULES
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

By public notice dated April 6, 2012, this Court provided notice and solicited comment regarding proposed new Local Rule 206, *Core Proceedings Requiring Final Adjudication By The District Court*.

The Judges of the United States District Court have found substantial merit in the new rule as proposed, and after review have determined to adopt the rule as proposed. Accordingly, the Local Rules have been amended and adopted so as to include new LR 206 as indicated in the form attached hereto, effective on June 5, 2012.

June 5, 2012

Sarah Allison Thornton
Clerk of Court

**RULE 206. CORE PROCEEDINGS REQUIRING FINAL ADJUDICATION
BY THE DISTRICT COURT**

If a bankruptcy judge determines that entry of a final order or judgment by a bankruptcy judge would not be consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution in a particular proceeding referred under L.R. 201 and determined to be a core matter under 28 U.S.C. § 157, the bankruptcy judge shall hear the proceeding and submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court made in compliance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 52(a)(1) in the form of findings and conclusions stated on the record or in an opinion or memorandum of decision.

The district judge shall make a de novo review upon the record or, after additional evidence, of any portion of the bankruptcy judge's findings of fact or conclusions of law to which specific written objection has been made in accordance with the federal and local rules of bankruptcy procedure. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the proposed findings of fact or conclusions of law, receive further evidence, or recommit the matter to the bankruptcy judge with instructions.

The district court may treat any order or judgment of the bankruptcy court as proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in the event the district court concludes that the bankruptcy judge could not have entered a final order or judgment consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

Adopted June 5, 2012.