

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING

MODIFICATION TO LOCAL RULE 30.1

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts is considering, and is publishing for comment, a proposed modification to Local Rule 30.1 (Place for Taking Depositions).

The proposed rule as modified is attached.

The proposal would modify Local Rule 30.1 to provide that Worcester is deemed to be a convenient place for the taking of a deposition of a person who resides, is employed, or transacts business in person in Worcester County. The modified rule would also make clear that it applies to all depositions, whether of a party or a non-party. Several stylistic changes, without substantive difference, are also proposed.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed modification to Local Rule 30.1 may do so in writing. All comments must be received before February 23, 2007, and should be addressed to:

Hon F. Dennis Saylor IV
Chairman, Rules Committee
c/o Helen M. Costello, Operations Manager
United States District Court
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2300
Boston, MA 02210

Date: January 3, 2007

/s/ Sarah Allison Thornton
Sarah Allison Thornton
Clerk of Court

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO LOCAL RULE 30.1

RULE 30.1 PLACE FOR TAKING DEPOSITIONS

Unless the court orders otherwise,

(a) Boston is deemed a convenient place for taking the deposition of any person who resides, is employed, or transacts business in person in Suffolk, Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk or Plymouth Counties;

(b) Springfield is deemed a convenient place for taking the deposition of any person who resides, is employed, or transacts business in person in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden or Hampshire Counties; and

(c) Worcester is deemed a convenient place for taking the deposition of any person who resides, is employed, or transacts business in person in Worcester County.