

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ADDITION TO LOCAL RULE 40.1**

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts is considering and is publishing for comment the following addition to Local Rule 40.1 – Assignment of Cases.

**L.R. 40.1 ASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

(  ) *Transfers of Criminal Cases.* A judge may transfer a criminal case to another judge, with the consent of (1) the other judge, (2) the chief judge, and (3) the parties in the transferred case, in order to permit a defendant charged in multiple criminal cases to plead guilty, to stand trial, to be sentenced, or otherwise to address multiple criminal matters involving that defendant in a single proceeding.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed amendment to the Local Rules for the District of Massachusetts may do so in writing or by email. All comments must be received on or before April 1, 2016 and should be addressed to:

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United States Courthouse - Suite 2-300  
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This public notice has been posted to the “Announcements” and “Rules” pages of the court’s web site at <http://www.mad.uscourts.gov>.

February 26, 2016

/s/ Robert M. Farrell  
Clerk of Court