

United States District Court Eastern District of New York Southern District Of New York

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Soliciting Applications for the Joint Committee on Local Rules for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

The Joint Committee on Local Rules for the Southern and Eastern District of New York is seeking new members. The Committee—composed of judicial officers from each district, representatives of each district's clerk's office, and attorneys from both the public and private sectors—assists the courts in updating and revising the Local Rules of the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York to reflect judicial experience, changes in the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, higher court decisions, and other developments that impact litigants. The Committee collaborates with the courts in recommending proposed amendments, which are then subject to public notice and comment.

The Committee is actively seeking new members from throughout the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, across all practice areas, and from law offices of all sizes. Applications are open to all attorneys admitted to the bar of either court. Attorneys are appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed. A keen interest in rules of procedure, and their practical impact on litigants, is essential. Membership on the Committee is a form of pro bono service to the courts and the justice system; members receive no financial compensation.

The Committee meets as a whole between two and four times each year, in person, and does much of its work through subcommittees assigned to explore particular rule changes under consideration. All members are expected to attend the full Committee meetings and to volunteer for subcommittee work that relates to their practice areas or personal interests.

Applicants should submit a current résumé, along with a short statement (no more than 350 words) that describes why the applicant would like to join the Committee, how the applicant envisions contributing, any relevant experience, and any particular issues the applicant would like to see addressed by the Committee going forward.

To receive consideration, applications must be received no later than September 30, 2025. Applications must be submitted by email to:

Rules_Committee@nysd.uscourts.gov

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