

Memorandum

January 21, 2011

TO: Members of the Bar and Public

FROM: Louise York
Chief Deputy Clerk

RE: Rule Amendments Effective December 1, 2010

Amendments to the Local Rules of Practice become effective on December 1, 2010. The amended rules are available on the [court's website](#). The amendments adopted are as follows:

Font size has been addressed in the amendment to [DUCiv R 10-1](#) - the fonts approved are Arial or Times Roman, no smaller than 12 point.

The court has adopted a process for requesting that a case be transferred from one assigned judge to another. This is a procedure which differs from consolidation of cases. Rules [DUCiv R 42-1](#) and [DUCiv R 83-2](#) should be carefully reviewed before filing either a motion to consolidate cases or a motion to transfer a case to another district judge..

The rule governing attorney appearances ([DUCiv R 83-1.3](#)) has been amended to reflect the adoption of limited appearances by counsel as now allowed by the Utah State Bar. Also, the rule has added language to inform pro se litigants that they may not represent corporations or other business entities.

The process for withdrawing as counsel of record has been amended to provide for notification of pro se parties of their obligations to obtain counsel and inform the court. The local rule also addresses the question of stays of the court proceeding and procedures to ensure that there is no undue delay in case processing schedules. [DUCiv R 83-1.4](#) should be carefully reviewed in its entirety before filing a motion to withdraw as counsel. The court has also adopted a [form motion to withdraw](#) and [proposed order](#) which is available on the website.

Extensive changes have been made in the local rule series which governs procedures in bankruptcy matters which are before the district court, by appeal, motion for withdrawal of the reference and miscellaneous matters. [DUCiv R 83-7.1](#) through [DUCiv R 83-7.7](#) govern these cases.

Changes in the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure also become effective on December 1, 2010. These changes are found at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/FederalRulemaking/overview.aspx>