

PROPOSED LOCAL RULE  
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



For Immediate Publication

## **Rule \_\_\_\_ Announcements**

**(a) In general.** This rule is governed by 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b) and shall apply in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (“Court”). The Chief Judge shall assign this rule an appropriate number and compile it with the other local rules of the Court.

**(b) Channels.** All judges of the Court (except magistrate judges) shall have the ability to directly send messages in all channels used for sending announcements. This includes (but is not limited to): #public-announcements (channel ID: 979205293609222169.)

**(c) Misbehavior.** The Chief Judge of the Court shall, by majority-vote of the Court, establish rules governing the usage of the channels described in paragraph (b) of this rule. A judge who violates such rules may be punished by majority-vote of the Court by fine or imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S. Code § 401 for misbehavior and/or disobedience to the Court’s lawful rules. The Chief Judge may on his own suspend a judge’s ability to send messages in a channel for no longer than 14 days for. Provided, however, that such a suspension shall immediately dissolve if the Court by majority-vote finds that the judge did not engage in misbehavior.

**(d) Public notice.** This rule shall be released for public notice and an opportunity for comment.

**(e) Enforcement.** The Court's Clerk and Chief Judge shall enforce the provisions of this rule.