

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO LOCAL RULES

The judges of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia are proposing an amendment to the court's local rules. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached to this notice and is also available at each Office of the Clerk in the Middle District of Georgia. The court is soliciting public comment on this proposed change and asks that all comments be sent to the headquarter's office of the Clerk of Court at Post Office Box 128, Macon, Georgia 31202 or be emailed to the following email address: rulecomments@gamd.uscourts.gov. All comments must be received no later than close of business on April 10, 2017.

This 8th day of March, 2017.

s/DAVID W. BUNT
DAVID W. BUNT
CLERK OF COURT

New Local Rule

LOCAL RULE 5.5*
HYBRID REPRESENTATION

In any case where a party is represented by counsel, the Clerk shall not accept pro se briefs, pleadings, or other papers for filing. The Clerk shall acknowledge receipt and notify the party that the documents are not being filed. The Clerk shall forward the documents to the party's attorney of record. The Court will accept pro se motions in proper form addressing the removal of counsel.

*Rule will apply to both civil and criminal cases.