

application as a separate document. A copy of the proposed settlement agreement or proposed stipulation may be attached to the application as a separate document.

(2) Applications to compromise an adversary proceeding shall be captioned, filed, noticed, and heard in the main case rather than the adversary proceeding. *See* D. Me. LBR 9004-2(a). In addition to the requirements set forth in (e)(1) above, a separate proposed disposition of the adversary proceeding (e.g., judgment or order) shall be captioned as the adversary proceeding, and attached to the application. Such proposed disposition shall also be included in the proposed order on the compromise.

(f) Discretion of Court. The failure of a party to file a written objection to an application for dismissal or compromise does not entitle the applicants to the relief requested without hearing. The Court may set a hearing on the application, with notice to such additional parties-in-interest as it, in its discretion, designates.

RULE 9019-2 - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTES RESOLUTION (ADR)

(a) In general. Parties are authorized and encouraged to employ, at their own expense, any available ADR process on which they can agree, including early neutral evaluation, settlement conferences, mediation, non-binding summary jury trial, corporate mini-trial and arbitration proceedings.

(b) Court-annexed ADR. To implement Section 652(a) of the Alternatives Dispute Resolution Act of 1998, 28 U.S.C. § 651, *et seq.*, the Court provides the following forms of ADR: the Bankruptcy Judges in this District shall be available at any time prior to hearing on any contested matter or adversary proceeding to conduct early neutral evaluation and settlement conferences with counsel and the parties. The Bankruptcy Judges may assist in obtaining other qualified judicial officers from this District or any other district to assist in court-annexed ADR.

Court-annexed ADR is voluntary and nonbinding, unless the parties agree otherwise. The neutrals recognized under this rule for court-annexed ADR are judicial officers of the Court, subject to disqualification in accordance with federal law, including but not limited to 28 U.S.C. § 455 and the Canons of Judicial Ethics.

(c) Confidentiality. All ADR proceedings are confidential. No disclosure shall be made to anyone, including any judicial officer not serving as a neutral in the matter, of any confidential dispute resolution communication that in any respect reveals the dispute resolution positions of the parties or advice or opinions of neutrals. No such communication shall be admissible in any subsequent proceeding, including hearing or trial, except as the Federal Rules of Evidence may otherwise permit.

RULE 9020-1 - CONTEMPT [RESERVED]

RULE 9021-1 - JUDGMENTS & ORDERS - ENTRY OF [RESERVED]

RULE 9021-2 - ORDERS - EFFECTIVE DATE [RESERVED]

RULE 9022-1 - JUDGMENTS & ORDERS - NOTICE OF [RESERVED]

RULE 9027-1 - REMOVAL/REMAND

Within fourteen (14) days after filing an application for removal of an action from a state or federal court to this Court pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027(e)(2), the applicant shall file certified copies of all records and proceedings in the state or federal court and a certified or attested copy of all docket entries therein with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court.

RULE 9029-1 - LOCAL RULES - GENERAL [RESERVED]

RULE 9029-2 - LOCAL RULES - GENERAL ORDERS [RESERVED]

RULE 9029-3 - LOCAL RULES - DISTRICT COURT