

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
STANDING LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES REVISION COMMITTEE
DISTRICT OF COLORADO, BANKRUPTCY COURT

A regular meeting of the Standing Local Bankruptcy Rules Revision Committee was called to order at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, by Chair Ted Hartl.

Attendance: The following Members, Ex-Officio Members, and Judicial Advisors attended by Zoom:

Members

Ted Hartl, Chair
Michael Suchoparek, Vice-Chair
Tara Salinas, Secretary
Thomas Arany
Bonnie Bell Bond, Whip
Doug Kiel
Jared Walters

Judicial Advisors

Judge Tyson
Judge Romero

Ex-Officio Members

Zoe Albrecht
Samuel Boughner
Ken Gardner
M. Gibbons
Laura Guice
Margaret Muff
Steve Nicholls
Trish Turner

1. Vote on approval of minutes from last meeting held on May 6, 2025.
 - (a) Judge Romero moved to approve, and Bonnie Bell Bond seconded the motion; it was approved.
2. Report of Committee Chair.
3. Report of Judicial Advisors, Judge Tyson.

Filings: We are two cases ahead of all of 2024 as of today.

Significant budget issues. Kudos to the entire clerk's office staff for making the financial crisis more manageable. We have 9 case managers for four judges – resources are being stretched beyond capacity.

Ted asked about the impact of a possible government shutdown. Typically, the crisis is resolved before the Court must shut down. Keeping fingers crossed to avoid that.

Ken indicated that the EDS system was being turned off. We are trying to give more direction and funnel to the legal assistance clinic. Four individuals have been authorized to do that. The clerk's office hopes that by January 1, there will be CM/ECF for those

who request it. Judge Tyson noted that we will likely allow these to proceed for six months before considering implementation under GPO. There will be guardrails to prevent abuse.

4. Pending and Potential New Committee Matters:

(a) No-Look Fee Changes:

Tara and Tom addressed the proposal for the increase in no-look fees. Judges Tyson and Romero asked for the national data on the fees in other districts, as well as data on additional work required under *In re Kinney*, and under the new (12/2025) federal rules, to support the request for an increase.

(b) Multi-Factor Authentication for CM/ECF:

Ted inquired about whether we need to do anything on the rules side to implement. Ken agrees that a local rule will not be needed. From now until August, it is voluntary; after that, it will become mandatory. The current CM/ECF system is not very secure, the software is written on old software. Trying to push CMM into operation and sunset the CM/ECF system. FPDs had their system infiltrated several months ago. MFA is a temporary measure until a more secure system is in place. Judge Tyson indicated that we would see increased cybersecurity priorities due to recent attacks on the US courts. We will see more rolling out.

(c) New District Court and BAP Rule Changes.

Judge Romero explained some of the rationale behind the new rules, which aim to adjust and clarify specific issues that arise in the BAP v. District Court record and address delays.

5. Scheduling Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 12:00 pm via Zoom.

6. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.