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Hello Ms. Wilson.

In revising our court's local rules, I noticed a few other changes for your consideration.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1, on disclosure statements, provides that a nongovernmental entity must file "2 copies of a disclosure statement." This requirement should be reconsidered. No party complies, and copies are unnecessary in the age of CM/ECF.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1), on consent to a magistrate judge, provides, "A district judge or magistrate judge may be informed of a party's response to the clerk's notice only if all parties have consented to the referral." The statement should be reconsidered. Parties respond to the clerk's notice through CM/ECF regardless of whether all parties have consented to the referral, and the judges automatically see the response in CM/ECF.

Thank you for your consideration.

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