SUMMARY OF 2016-2017 LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Local Rule Amendment	Note/Explanation Regarding Amendment
LRCiv 7.2(n)	MOTIONS; Pending Motions Notification. Amended to require that pending motion notifications filed in electronic form must be submitted according to the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual. (Note: The Court's Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual has been updated to require the filer to use a specific event that will enable the Clerk of Court to screen and anonymize pending motions notifications prior to receipt by the judge.)
LRCiv 12.1(c)	MOTIONS TO DISMISS. New subpart to require parties/counsel to confer prior to filing a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim or counterclaim, or motion for judgment on the pleadings on a claim or counterclaim.
LRCiv 33.1	FORM OF INTERROGATORIES. Amended to be gender neutral and inclusive of corporate entities. (Note: the proposal to amend this rule resulted in a decision to amend all civil and criminal local rules for gender neutrality. Accordingly, technical amendments were applied to the following: Local Rules of Civil Procedure 3.4, 3.5, 3.7, 16.1, 16.2, 39.1, 52.1, 54.1, 72.2, 77.3, 77.4, 79.1, 83.2, 83.4, 83.8, and Local Rules of Criminal Procedure 10.2, 16.1, 32.1, 46.1, 46.2, 57.2, 57.6.)
LRCiv 56.1(b)	MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT. Amended to prohibit the filing of reply statement of facts.
LRCiv 67.1	INVESTMENT OF FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN THE REGISTRY ACCOUNT. Amended to bring rule into compliance with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 468B and 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-9, which state that interpleader funds deposited under 28 U.S.C. § 1335 meet the IRS definition of a disputed ownership fund (DOF), a taxable entity that requires tax administration. This amendment is also in response to recommendations from the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts. (Note: On March 20, 2017, this amendment was adopted by General Order 17-07 as an emergency amendment pursuant to LRCiv 83.9(a). The General Order is superseded by the adoption of the Court's amended Local Rules effective December 1, 2017.)