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Subject Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1(a)

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Peter and John

Greetings from Northern New York. I wanted to bring to your attention a Federal Rule that may need amending - Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statements -

The current Federal Rule requires "A nongovernmental corporate party to an action or proceeding in a district court must file **two copies** of a statement that identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stock or states that there is no such corporation".

With the advent of electronic filing - both the Presiding District Judge and Referred Magistrate Judge receive notice when the document is filed electronically - however we are getting calls from lawyers asking if they need to send a duplicate copy to us in order to comply with the Rule. This can be easily solved by creating a national event in the CM/ECF system for the filing of Supplemental Statement under Rule 7.1 - we have created a local event code that allows attorneys to file the document electronically - the document that appears on the judges daily activity report so that can print the document and compare it to their recusal list - or if they are using the automated software - we will enter the information into the automated recusal software system for the judge(s).

This is not a big deal...but with e filing it is causing confusion and some wasted time by the bar and court staff.

Hope all is well in Washington.

Thank you..

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