

# U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to Local Patent Rules

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On December 11, 2017, the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts proposed amendments to Local Rule 16.6 governing patent proceedings. The proposed amendments substantially rewrite existing Local Rule 16.6 and provide, among other things, for the early disclosure of infringement contentions and certain discovery, and for the Claim Construction Hearing and trial to be conducted within 9 months and 24 months, respectively, of the Initial Scheduling Conference. The public comment period on the proposed revisions to Local Rule 16.6 expires on January 26, 2018.

A copy of the Court's Public Notice and Proposed Amendments may be found on the Court's website, [click here to view](#).

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