

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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In re:

AMENDMENT OF LOCAL CIVIL RULE 47.1 and  
LOCAL CRIMINAL RULE 24.1 REGARDING  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF JUROR INFORMATION

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Administrative Order  
No. 15-RL-77

By Administrative Order entered June 25, 2015, (Administrative Order No. 15-045), the court published for comment proposed amendments to Local Civil Rule 47.1 and Local Criminal Rule 24.1 regarding the confidentiality of juror information. The public comment period closed on July 24, 2015, without receipt of any comment. Accordingly:

**IT IS ORDERED** that the following is adopted as new W.D. Mich. LCivR 47.1; W.D. Mich. LCrimR 24.1:

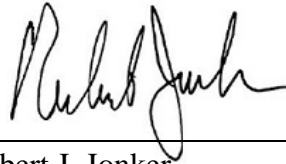
Confidentiality of juror information

- (a) All information obtained from juror questionnaires is confidential and may be used only for jury selection and in accordance with this rule.
- (b) All copies of juror questionnaires must be destroyed or returned to the Court upon completion of jury selection, or at any earlier time determined by the Court.
- (c) For represented parties, counsel of record is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality and security of juror questionnaires, and must apply security practices no less stringent than those applicable to confidential client information. Unrepresented parties may use juror questionnaires only under supervision of the Court, and may not reproduce the juror questionnaires in any form, or distribute them to anyone.
- (d) Juror questionnaires will be electronically filed under restricted access three (3) business days before trial. Electronic access will be available to the Court and counsel of record only. The Court will provide unrepresented parties with one paper copy of the juror questionnaires at the beginning of jury selection. Juror questionnaires will not be available via mail or facsimile transmission.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall provide a copy of this Administrative Order to the Judicial Conference of the Sixth Circuit and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. All attorneys registered for electronic service on the CM/ECF system shall be given electronic notice of this rule amendment, and the official rules posted on the Court's website will be amended accordingly.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the foregoing amendments take immediate effect.

FOR THE COURT:



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Robert J. Jonker  
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: September 11, 2015