



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Bankruptcy Practitioners in the Middle District of Georgia  
**From:** Kyle George, Clerk of Court  
**Subject:** Proposed New LBR 1002-1

November 8, 2016

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1. In order to prevent abusive or fraudulent bankruptcy filings, the judges of this Court have decided to create a local bankruptcy rule that will require all **unrepresented** (pro se) parties filing a bankruptcy petition with the Court to provide a photo ID at the time of filing.

2. The proposed rule is:

**LBR 1002-1. Petition – General.**

Any unrepresented party filing a bankruptcy petition with the Court, to include both of the joint debtors and of petitioning creditors, shall provide a photo identification to the Clerk at the time of filing, either in person at the Clerk's office or by mail, facsimile, or email filing. The photo identification may be a valid or expired government issued identification card. The photo will be appended to the petitioner's Bankruptcy Form B121, "Your Statement About Your Social Security Numbers" and filed as a restricted document by the Clerk's office. Failure to produce a photo identification will not prevent the Clerk's office from accepting the petition.

3. I would very much appreciate comments back to me via email no later than December 8, 2016. My email address is [Kyle\\_George@gamb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Kyle_George@gamb.uscourts.gov). Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.