The Advisory Committee on the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure recommends the following amendment to D.C.COLO.LCrR 11.1(b) to facilitate implementation of the "Proposed Durango and Grand Junction Protocol – February, 2015."

D.C.COLO.LCrR 11.1 PLEAS

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