

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – AUGUST 2014
The public comment period ends February 17, 2015

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Rules have proposed amendments to their respective rules and forms, and requested that the proposals be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments, Rules Committee reports explaining the proposed changes, and other information are posted on the judiciary's website at <http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/proposed-amendments.aspx>. **The public comment period ends February 17, 2015.**

On August 15, 2014, the public comment period opens for proposed amendments to:

- Appellate Rules 4, 5, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28.1, 29, 32, 35, and 40, and Forms 1, 5, 6, and New Form 7;
- Bankruptcy Rules 1010, 1011, 2002, 3002, 3002.1, 3007, 3012, 3015, 4003, 5009, 7001, 9006, and 9009, and New Rule 1012, and Official Forms 11A, 11B, 106J, 201, 202, 204, 205, 206Sum, 206A/B, 206D, 206E/F, 206G, 206H, 207, 309A, 309B, 309C, 309D, 309E, 309F, 309G, 309H, 309I, 312, 313, 314, 315, 401, 410, 410A, 410S1, 410S2, 416A, 416B, 416D, 424, and Instructions, and new Official Forms 106J-2 and 113;
- Civil Rules 4, 6, and 82; and
- Criminal Rules 4, 41, and 45.

Comments and supporting files must be submitted electronically using the Regulations.gov portal. After choosing the appropriate link below, click the "Submit a Comment" link. This will display the comment web form. You then can enter your submitter information and attach your comment as a file (up to 10MB), or type your comment directly on the web form. When you have finished attaching or typing your comment, click the "Preview Comment" link to review. Once you are satisfied with your comment, click the "Submit" button to send your comment to the advisory committees. Upon completion, you will receive a tracking number for your submission.

- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure](#)
- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Bankruptcy Forms](#)
- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure](#)
- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

Detailed instructions on how to submit a comment are given in the [Regulations.gov FAQs](#).

Members of the public who wish to present testimony may appear at [public hearings](#) on the proposed amendments.

After the public comment period, the Advisory Committees will decide whether to submit the proposed amendments to the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. At this time, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has not approved these proposed amendments, except to authorize their publication for comment. The proposed amendments have not been submitted to or considered by the Judicial Conference or the Supreme Court.

The proposed amendments would become effective on December 1, 2016, if they are approved, with or without revision, by the relevant Advisory Committee, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Judicial Conference, and the Supreme Court, and if Congress does not act to defer, modify, or reject them. Except as otherwise noted, the revisions to the Official Bankruptcy Forms would become effective on December 1, 2015, if they are approved by the rules committees and the Judicial Conference.

William C. Redden
Clerk of Court

Date: August 18, 2014