

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE, BANKRUPTCY, AND CIVIL
RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE

PUBLISHED FOR COMMENT AUGUST 2018

The public comment period ends February 15, 2019

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil and Evidence Rules have proposed amendments to the following rules and forms and have asked that they be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment.

Appellate Rules: 35 and 40
Bankruptcy Rules: 2002, 2004, and 8012
Civil Rules: 30
Rules of Evidence: 404

The proposed amendments and the advisory committees' reports explaining the proposed changes are posted on the Judiciary's website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>

The information is posted in a printable format for those who prefer hard-copy documents.

Your comments are welcome on all aspects of each proposal. The advisory committees will review all timely comments, which are made part of the official record and are available to the public. **The comment period closes on February 15, 2019.**

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

How to Submit Comments:

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 can then 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 Appellate Rules 35 and 40](#)
- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 2004 and 8012](#)
- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendment to Civil Rule 30](#)
- [Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendment to Evidence Rule 404](#)

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

At this time, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has only approved these proposed amendments for publication for comment. The proposed amendments have neither been submitted to nor considered by the Judicial Conference or the Supreme Court. 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 for approval in accordance with the Rules Enabling Act.

If 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, the proposed amendments would become effective on December 1, 2020, if Congress does not act to defer, modify, or reject them.

If you have questions about the rulemaking process or pending rules amendments, please contact the Rules Committee Staff at 202-502-1820 or visit:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies>.

William C. Redden
Clerk of Court

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