

**COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE  
OF THE  
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES**

August 12, 2009

**TO THE BENCH, BAR, AND PUBLIC:**

**Proposed Rules and Forms Amendments**

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on the Bankruptcy, Criminal, and Evidence Rules have proposed amendments to federal rules and requested that the proposals be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments to the federal rules, with reports from each Advisory Committee, are posted on the Judiciary's Federal Rulemaking web site at <[www.uscourts.gov/rules](http://www.uscourts.gov/rules)>. A proposed comprehensive "style" revision of the Federal Rules of Evidence is published separately. All the Advisory Committees welcome comment on all aspects of each proposal.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Please provide any comments and suggestions on the proposed amendments, whether favorable, adverse, or otherwise, as soon as possible. **The comment deadline is February 16, 2010.** Comments, suggestions, or other correspondence may be submitted electronically to <[Rules\\_Comments@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Rules_Comments@ao.uscourts.gov)> or in hard copy to the Secretary of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544. The Advisory Committees will review all timely comments. All comments are made part of the official record and are available to the public.

The Advisory Committees on the Bankruptcy, Criminal, and Evidence Rules will hold public hearings on the proposed amendments on the following dates:

- Bankruptcy Rules in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 6, 2010, and in New York, New York, on February 5, 2010;
- Criminal Rules in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 8, 2010, and in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 11, 2010; and
- Evidence Rules in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 5, 2010, in San Francisco, California, on January 29, 2010, and in New York, New York, on February 4, 2010.

If you wish to testify, you must contact the Committee Secretary at the above address **at least 30 days before the hearing.**

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After the public comment period, the Advisory Committees will decide whether to submit the proposed amendments to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. At present, the Standing Committee has not approved these proposed amendments, except to authorize their publication for comment. The proposed amendments have not been submitted to nor considered by the Judicial Conference or the Supreme Court.

Lee H. Rosenthal  
Chair

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Secretary