



IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO
José V. Toledo Post Office & Courthouse Federal Building
300 Recinto Sur St, Suite 109
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Notice to the Bar and the Public

IN Re: Amendments to the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure and Administrative Office National Forms

Congress has taken no action on the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Procedure, approved by the Supreme Court on March 26, 2009, which include revisions of time periods in 91 rules. **The amendments to the rules on the computation of time will take effect on December 1, 2009.**

In addition, the following non-time-computation amendments and new rules under the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Procedure will also take effect on December 1, 2009:

- Appellate Rules 4, 22, 26, and new Rule 12.1;
- Bankruptcy Rules 2016, 4008, 7052, 9006, 9015, 9021, 9023, and new Rule 7058;
- Civil Rules 13, 15, 48, and 81, and new Rule 62.1; and
- Criminal Rules 7, 32, 32.2, and 41; Rule 11 and new Rule 12 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts; and Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings for the United States District Courts.

The text of the amended rules and extensive supporting documentation can also be found on the Judiciary's Federal Rulemaking web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>.

Most of the rules amendments involve time-computation changes, which are intended to make the federal rules on calculating time periods simpler, clearer, and consistent. The principal simplifying innovation is to count all days, including intermediate weekends and holidays, in computing time periods under the procedural rules. In addition, all the deadlines in the rules were reviewed and most short periods were extended to offset the shift in the time-computation rules and to ensure that each period is reasonable. Under the new rules amendments:

- 5-day deadlines become 7 days;
- 10- and 15-day deadlines become 14 days;
- 20-day deadlines become 21 days; and
- 25-day deadlines become 28 days.

Further information on the time-computation rules amendments and parallel changes to certain statutory time periods affecting court proceedings can be found in the excerpt reports of the Rules Committees, which are posted on the Rules web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/supct0309.html> and at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/HR1626.pdf>.

To conform with the time-computation rules changes, Administrative Office revised eight civil and criminal forms. The revised forms can be found at: www.uscourts.gov.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 30th day of November, 2009.

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Clerk of the Court

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilma Jaime", written in a cursive style.

By: Wilma Jaime
Chief Deputy Clerk