RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

Congress has taken no action on the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Procedure adopted by the Supreme Court and transmitted to Congress on April 11, 2022. Under the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-75, the following take effect on December 1, 2022:

Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

Rule 25 Rule 42	Filing and Service Voluntary Dismissal		
Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure			
Rule 1007	Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits		
Rule 1020	Chapter 11 Reorganization Case for Small Business Debtors		
Rule 2009	Trustees for Estates When Joint Administration Ordered		
Rule 2012	Substitution of Trustee or Successor Trustee; Accounting		
Rule 2015	Duty to Keep Records, Make Reports, and Give Notice of Case or Change of Status		
Rule 3002	Filing Proof of Claim or Interest		
Rule 3010	Small Dividends and Payments in Cases Under Chapter 7, Subchapter V of Chapter 11, Chapter 12, and Chapter 13		
Rule 3011	Unclaimed Funds in Cases Under Chapter 7, Subchapter V of Chapter 11, Chapter 12, and Chapter 13		
Rule 3014	Election Under § 1111(b) by Secured Creditor in Chapter 9 Municipality or Chapter 11 Reorganization Case		
Rule 3016	Filing of Plan and Disclosure Statement in a Chapter 9 Municipality or Chapter 11 Reorganization Case		
Rule 3017.1	Court Consideration of Disclosure Statement in a Small Business Case or in a Case Under Subchapter V of Chapter 11		
Rule 3017.2	Fixing of Dates by the Court in Subchapter V Cases in Which There Is No Disclosure Statement		
Rule 3018	Acceptance or Rejection of Plan in a Chapter 9 Municipality or a Chapter 11 Reorganization Case		
Rule 3019	Modification of Accepted Plan in a Chapter 9 Municipality or a Chapter 11 Reorganization Case		
Rule 5005	Filing and Transmittal of Papers		
Rule 7004	Process; Service of Summons, Complaint		
Rule 8023	Voluntary Dismissal		

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement

Supplemental Rules for Social Security Review Actions Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)

Rule 1	Review of Social Security Decisions Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)
Rule 2	Complaint
Rule 3	Service
Rule 4	Answer; Motions; Time
Rule 5	Presenting the Action for Decision
Rule 6	Plaintiff's Brief
Rule 7	Commissioner's Brief
Rule 8	Reply Brief

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Rule 16 Discovery and Inspection

Under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2074(a) and 2075, and the Supreme Court orders dated April 11, 2022, the amendments govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2022, and all proceedings then pending "insofar as just and practicable." Links to the text of the amended rules, and the accompanying committee notes—along with extensive supporting documentation related to their adoption—are posted on the Current Rules page of the Judiciary's website.

In addition, three amended official bankruptcy forms became effective on December 1, 2022. As approved by the Judicial Conference, amendments to official bankruptcy forms govern all proceedings in bankruptcy cases thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending. The forms are posted on the Bankruptcy Forms page of the Judiciary's website.

Official Bankruptcy Forms

Official Form 101	Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy
Official Form 309E1	Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case (For Individuals or
	Joint Debtors)
Official Form 309E2	Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case (For Individuals or
	Joint Debtors under Subchapter V)