



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
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HONORABLE JOHN D. BATES  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

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MEMORANDUM

To: All United States Judges  
Circuit Executives  
District Court Executives  
Clerks, United States Courts  
Senior Staff Attorneys  
Chief Circuit Mediators  
Bankruptcy Administrators  
Circuit Librarians

From: Judge John D. Bates 

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AUGUST 2014  
**(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)**

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.**

In this period of government fiscal austerity and to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies, the Rules Committee Support Office has eliminated printing pamphlets containing the proposed amendments, but will continue both to send notifications such as this one and to post the information online in a printable format. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Rules Committee Support Office at (202) 502-1820 or via e-mail at [Rules\\_Support@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Rules_Support@ao.uscourts.gov).