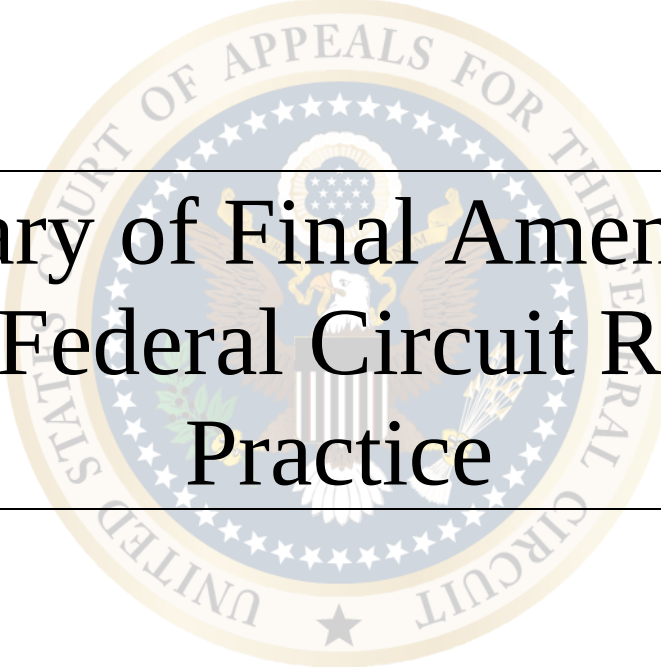




Summary of Final Amendments to the Federal Circuit Rules of Practice

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The following summary was prepared by the Clerk's Office as a guide to the adopted amendments and should not substitute for reading the full text of the amendments, which are available on the court's website.

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This summary is neither intended to serve as legal advice nor as commentary on the changes to the Federal Circuit Rules of Practice.

The court has adopted amendments to the following Federal Circuit Rules of Practice (FCR).

1. **Fed. Cir. R. 15(c):** Updates language to avoid suggesting a party may raise a claim of discrimination with this court before raising the same with the MSPB.
2. **Fed. Cir. R. 25(c)(1)(B):** Removes the requirement to file physical items in the same amount as required for copies of a brief, appendix, or petition.
3. **Fed. Cir. R. 25(i)(2).** Eliminates the requirement for counsel to mark "corrected" on an electronic filing in response to a directive from either the court or the Clerk's Office during the pre-panel-assignment period of the case.
4. **Practice Note to Fed. Cir. R. 25:** Updates the location of the Clerk's Office night box.
5. **Fed. Cir. R. 25.1(b):** Includes language regarding a waiver of a person's own personally identifiable information (PII) to align the rule with the requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(5) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2.
6. **Fed. Cir. R. 30(d)(2):** Clarifies language that 200 electronic pages are allowed in an appendix attached to a principal brief, which would equate to 100 double-sided printed pages, putting the language in line with the requirements of FCR 30(a)(4).
7. **Fed. Cir. R. 30(e)(3):** Clarifies language that 200 electronic pages are allowed in an appendix attached to a principal brief, which would equate to 100 double-sided printed pages, putting the language in line with the requirements of FCR 30(a)(4).
8. **Fed. Cir. R. 32(b)(2)(E):** Includes language that explicitly states that patent claims required by FCR 32(a)(3) are excluded from any word-count limitations.
9. **Fed. Cir. R. 39(d):** Adjusting citation to Fed. R. App. P. 39 to correspond with amended rule subsection.
10. **Practice Note to Fed. Cir. R. 39:** Updates language to eliminate a specific method of payment to allow consideration of other payment methods.

11. **Fed. Cir. R. 46(g).** Implements a process for law student practice at the Federal Circuit.
12. **Fed. Cir. R. 47.6.** Updates the filing of the docketing statement by assigning the filing requirements to the appellant, cross-appellant or petitioner only.
13. **Practice Note to Fed. Cir. R. 50:** Includes language regarding disclosure prohibitions for former or current court employees.