



**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
FEDERAL CIRCUIT RULES OF PRACTICE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b) and Federal Circuit Rule 47(a), the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit gives notice that it proposes to amend Federal Circuit Rules of Practice 15, 25, 25.1, 30, 39, 46, 47.6, the Practice Notes to Rules 25, 39, 46, and 50. The proposed amendments are available on the court's [website](#). If adopted, the amendments would take effect on December 1, 2025.

Public comments must be received by the Clerk of Court **on or before October 16, 2025**.

Comments may be submitted by email to FederalCircuitRules@cafc.uscourts.gov or by mail as follows:

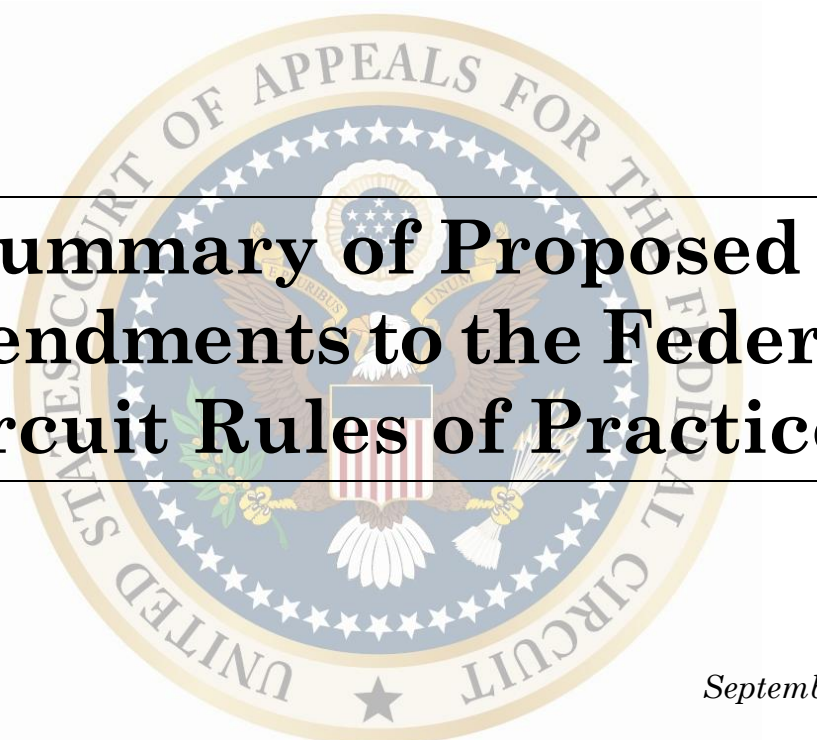
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All submitted comments must include the name and either a return email or mailing address for the submitter. Any submitted comments, including the name of the submitter, may be made available to the public unless a submitter specifically requests that either the submitter's name or comment not be released to the public.

FOR THE COURT



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Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Federal Circuit Rules of Practice

September 2025

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

[Redlined Copy of the Proposed Amendments](#)

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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.

In addition to conforming amendments incorporating the 2025 amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (FRAP), the court is proposing 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.