

# United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit

Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CIRCUIT RULE CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that the court, pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 47, proposes an amendment to Circuit Rule 24. The principal change is to require the filing of an appendix in cases in which the appellant or petitioner is proceeding in forma pauperis (IFP) and is represented by counsel or assisted by an amicus curiae appointed by the court. Corresponding changes to the Circuit's Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures will be made.

Currently, Circuit Rule 24 dispenses with an appendix in all IFP cases. For pro se appellants or petitioners proceeding IFP, Rule 24 would remain the same: they would still be allowed to submit record excerpts in lieu of an appendix, should they so choose, and to file just one copy but encouraged to submit 4 if they are able to do so. If the appellee or respondent wishes to submit any additional record material, the proposed amendment requires the filing of an appendix, rather than additional record excerpts.

Under the new subpart (c), represented parties and amicus curiae appointed by the court must comply with the appendix requirements of FRAP and Circuit Rule 30, in IFP and non-IFP cases alike.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted to the court's Advisory Committee on Procedures within 45 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in *The Daily Washington Law Reporter*. Written comments should be sent to:

Advisory Committee on Procedures  
c/o Clerk of Court  
United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit  
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5509  
Washington, D.C. 20001

The Committee will consider any comments received from interested persons and organizations and formulate recommendations to the court.

Copies of this Notice have been published this day by the means specified in D.C. Circuit Rule 47(c).

Date: December 2, 2009

Mark J. Langer, Clerk

**NOTE: The text of the proposed Circuit Rule amendment is available on the court's web site at [www.cadc.uscourts.gov](http://www.cadc.uscourts.gov) under "Announcements" and "Rules & Operating Procedures."**