

# United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit  
Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

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

Notice is hereby given that the court, pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 47, proposes amendments to Circuit Rules 5, 8, 18, 27, 29, 32, and 35. The proposed amendments have been developed to ensure conformance with expected changes to amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure approved by the Supreme Court, and which we anticipate will become effective on December 1, 2016. Changes to the Circuit's Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures will also be made to correspond to the impending amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. The changes to the Federal Rules that affect the Circuit's Rules or Handbook will (1) revise the word limitations for briefs, (2) establish length limitations for other documents stated in words if the document is produced using a computer, (3) eliminate the 3-day grace period for responding to documents served electronically, (4) create a comprehensive listing of items excluded from the computation of length limits, (5) revise and relocate the requirements for a certificate of compliance, and (6) set default rules for the treatment of amicus filings in connection with petitions for rehearing.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted to the court's Advisory Committee on Procedures on or before November 16, 2016. The Committee will consider any comments received from interested persons and organizations and formulate recommendations to the court. 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

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

Date: October 11, 2016

Mark J. Langer, Clerk

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