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MEMORANDUM

To: All United States Judges
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From:

James C. Duff

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RE:

AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

Congress has taken no action on the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence, adopted by the Supreme Court and transmitted to Congress on April 27, 2020. Under the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-75, the following take effect today, December 1, 2020:

Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

Rule 35 En Banc Determination
Rule 40 Petition for Panel Rehearing

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

Rule 2002 Notices to Creditors, Equity Security Holders, Administrators in Foreign Proceedings, Persons Against Whom Provisional Relief is Sought in Ancillary and Other Cross-Border Cases, United States, and United States Trustee
Rule 2004 Examination

Rule 8012	Disclosure Statement
Rule 8013	Motions; Intervention
Rule 8015	Form and Length of Briefs; Form of Appendices and Other Papers
Rule 8021	Costs

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 30	Depositions by Oral Examination
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Federal Rules of Evidence

Rule 404	Character Evidence; Other Crimes, Wrongs, or Acts
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Under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2074(a) and 2075, and the Supreme Court orders dated April 27, 2020, the amendments govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2020, and all proceedings then pending “insofar as just and practicable.” The text of the new and amended rules, and the accompanying committee notes—along with extensive supporting documentation related to their adoption—are posted on the “Current Rules” page of the Judiciary’s website at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/current-rules-practice-procedure>.

Please consider posting an announcement of the newly effective rules on your court websites.

If you have any questions about the status of any of the amendments, please contact the Rules Committee Staff at 202-502-1820 or via email at: RulesCommittee_Secretary@ao.uscourts.gov.