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MEMORANDUM

To: All United States Judges
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From: James C. Duff 

RE: PROPOSED RULES AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AUGUST 2008
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on the Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, Criminal, and Evidence Rules have proposed amendments to their respective rules and requested that the proposals be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments, rules committee reports explaining the proposed changes, and other information are posted on the Judiciary's *Federal Rulemaking* web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>. In addition, pamphlets containing the proposed amendments will be sent to you as soon as they become available from the Government Printing Office, which is expected in six to eight weeks. The public comment period ends on February 17, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning the status of the proposed amendments, please call Peter G. McCabe, Assistant Director, Office of Judges Programs, at (202) 502-1800 or John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, at (202) 502-1820.