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MEMORANDUM

To: All United States Judges  
Circuit Executives  
Federal Public/Community Defenders  
District Court Executives  
Clerks, United States Courts  
Senior Staff Attorneys  
Chief Circuit Mediators  
Bankruptcy Administrators  
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From: James C. Duff

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RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT—AUGUST 2017  
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Appellate, Bankruptcy, Criminal and Evidence Rules have proposed amendments to the following rules and forms and have asked that they be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment.

Appellate Rules: 3, 13, 26.1, 28, and 32  
Bankruptcy Rules: 2002, 4001, 6007, 9036, 9037, and Official Form 410  
Criminal Rules: New Criminal Rule 16.1, Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, and Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings  
Rules of Evidence: 807

The proposed amendments and the advisory committees' reports explaining the proposed changes are posted on the Judiciary's website at:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>.

The information is posted in a printable format for those who prefer hard copies.

**The public comment period closes on February 15, 2018.**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Rules Committee Support Office at (202) 502-1820 or via email at [Rules\\_Support@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Rules_Support@ao.uscourts.gov).