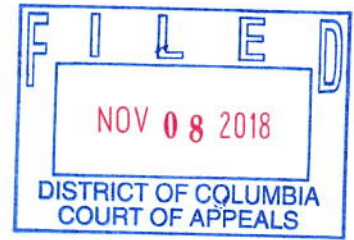


**District of Columbia
Court of Appeals**



No. M-262-18

ORDER and NOTICE
(FILED – November 8, 2018)

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-743 (2012 Repl.), this court must conduct its business according to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (FRAP), unless the court adopts or prescribes modifications of those rules. The Supreme Court has approved a number of amendments to the FRAP effective December 1, 2018. This court has reviewed those amendments. As a result of that review, the court now sends out the following proposed amendments for public notice and comment. The court also hereby stays the effect of the 2018 FRAP amendments pending further order of the court.

This notice is published to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments concerning the amendments under consideration. Comments must be submitted by December 8, 2018. Comments may be submitted electronically to rules@dcappeals.gov, or in writing, addressed to the Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. All comments submitted pursuant to this notice will be available to the public.

The amendments to FRAP 8, 11, and 39 eliminate the use of the term *supersedeas*, apparently because that term has been eliminated from the Federal Rules. The Superior Court Rules still use the term. *See* Super. Ct. Civ. R. 62-I. This court therefore proposes to not adopt these FRAP amendments.

The amendments to FRAP 25 and 26 relate to e-filing, to conform to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5 on that topic. This court has its own administrative order on e-filing, so the court proposes not to adopt these FRAP amendments.

The court also proposes not to adopt the amendment to FRAP 28.1, both because this court does not have a Rule 28.1 and because the court already grants 21 days to file a reply brief. D.C. App. R. 31 (a).

With a slight wording change to reflect the fact that we are a single court rather than one of the federal courts of appeals, the court proposes to adopt the amendment

to FRAP 29, which grants courts the authority to refuse to permit the filing of an amicus brief that would cause the disqualification of a judge.

The amendment to FRAP 31 extends the time period to file a reply brief to 21 days. As noted previously, that is already our rule, so the court proposes not to adopt this amendment.

Finally, the amendments to FRAP 41 make four changes: (1) clarifying that a stay of the mandate requires an order of the court; (2) eliminating Rule 41(d)(1) as redundant; (3) providing that a stay of the mandate pending a petition for writ of certiorari is extended automatically if the time within which to file the petition is extended; and (4) providing that if certiorari is denied the mandate must issue immediately upon receipt of the order denying certiorari, barring extraordinary circumstances. The court proposes to adopt three of these proposed amendments. The court does not propose to eliminate D.C. App. R. 41 (d)(1), which is not redundant given the difference between the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and the rules of this court.

The proposed amendments to D.C. App. R. 29 and 41 also reflect a number of stylistic and formatting changes.

Clean and red-line versions of the FRAP amendments are attached, as are clean and red-line versions of the amendments the court proposes to make to D.C. App. R. 29 and 41.

Rule 29. Brief of an Amicus Curiae

(a) ~~During Initial Consideration of a Case on the Merits~~ DURING INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF A CASE ON THE MERITS.

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(2) *When Permitted.* The United States or the District of Columbia, or an officer or agency ~~thereof either~~, or a ~~S~~state, ~~T~~territory, ~~C~~commonwealth, or political subdivision thereof, may file an amicus ~~curiae~~ brief without the consent of the parties or leave of court. Any other amicus curiae may file a brief only by leave of court or if the brief states that all parties have consented to its filing, but the court may prohibit the filing of or may strike an amicus brief that would result in a judge's disqualification.

(3) *Motion for Leave to File.* The motion must be accompanied by the proposed brief and state:

(A) the movant's interest; and

(B) the reason why an amicus brief is desirable and why the matters asserted are relevant to the disposition of the case.

(4) *Contents and Form.* An amicus brief must comply with ~~Rule 28 (a)(1) and~~ Rule 32. Additionally, the title page or cover must contain the information required by Rule 28 (a)(1), identify the party or parties supported, and indicate whether the brief supports affirmance or reversal. If the amicus curiae is a corporation or partnership, the brief must include the disclosure statement required of the parties by Rule 26.1. An amicus brief need not otherwise comply with Rule 28, but must include the following:

(A) if the amicus curiae is a corporation, a disclosure statement like that required of parties by Rule 26.1;

(B) a table of contents, with page references;

~~(C)~~ a table of authorities — cases (alphabetically arranged), statutes, and other authorities — with references to the pages of the brief where they are cited, and with an asterisk designating the cases chiefly relied upon;

~~(D)~~ a concise statement of the identity of the amicus curiae, its interest in the case, and the source of its authority to file; and

~~(E)~~ an argument, which may be preceded by a summary and need not include a statement of the applicable standard of review.

(5) *Length.* Except by the court's permission, an amicus brief may not exceed 25 pages.

(6) *Time for Filing.* An amicus curiae must file its brief, accompanied by a motion for filing when necessary, no later than 7 days after the principal brief of the party being supported is filed. An amicus curiae that does not support either party must file its brief no later than 7 days after the appellant's principal brief is filed. The court may grant leave for later filing, specifying the time within which an opposing party may answer.

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(b) ~~During Consideration of Whether to Grant Rehearing~~ DURING CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO GRANT REHEARING.

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