

# 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, Civil, and Criminal Procedure, adopted by the Supreme Court and transmitted to Congress on April 28, 2016. Under the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-75, amendments to the following rules take effect today, December 1, 2016:

### Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 4 Summons

Rule 6 Computing and Extending Time; Time for Motion Papers

Rule 82 Jurisdiction and Venue Unaffected

### Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Rule 4. Arrest Warrant or Summons on a Complaint

Rule 41. Search and Seizure

Rule 45. Computing and Extending Time

There are also multiple amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. You can check the websites of those courts for specific information on those amendments

Under 28 U.S.C. § 2074(a) and the Supreme Court orders dated April 28, 2016, the amendments will govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2016, and all proceedings then pending “insofar as just and practicable.” The text of the amended rules and 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>.

The local rules of the Northern and Southern District of Iowa and the CM/ECF procedure manual are being updated in accordance with these amendments and will be posted for public comment soon.