

**COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE  
OF THE  
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**TO THE BENCH, BAR, AND PUBLIC:**

**Proposed Amendments to Bankruptcy Rule 1005 and Official Bankruptcy Forms**

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules has proposed amendments to Rule 1005 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and to the Official Bankruptcy Forms and has requested that the proposals be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments are posted on the Internet at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Please provide as soon as possible any comments and suggestions on the proposed amendments whether favorable, adverse, or otherwise. **The comment deadline is April 22, 2002.** The Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules is scheduled to meet on March 21-22, 2002, and will consider all comments received by that time at the meeting. Comments submitted after the Advisory Committee's March 2002 meeting, accordingly, will be circulated to the Advisory Committee members for their review only by mail or electronic means. Please send all correspondence to: Secretary, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544. Comments may be sent electronically via the Internet to <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>.

The Advisory Committee has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed amendments for April 12, 2002, in Washington, D.C. If you wish to testify, you must contact the Committee Secretary at the above address **at least 30 days before the hearing.**

The Advisory Committee will consider all comments received. After the public comment period, the Advisory Committee will decide whether to submit the proposed amendments to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. At present, the Standing Committee has not approved these proposed amendments, except to authorize their publication for comment. The proposed amendments have not been submitted to nor considered by the Judicial Conference or the Supreme Court.

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