

FOREWORD

Preface

This book contains information needed to conduct a proceeding in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Counsel are assumed to be familiar with this information. The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure are current as of the date of issuance of this volume. Litigants should check the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure for amendments adopted after the publication date of this book. For the most current listing of Mediators please refer to the court's website at www.cafc.uscourts.gov

Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure not applicable in this court are indicated by strikethroughs. Cite these rules as Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Federal Circuit Rules

The court's own Federal Circuit Rules are in gray shaded areas and printed in this font. A court rule implementing a specific Federal Rule follows and bears the same number as the rule implemented. Other court rules concerning procedural matters appear after Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 47. Court rules concerning administrative matters appear after Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 48. Cite the court's rules as Federal Circuit Rules.

Practice Notes

Practice Notes are in ruled boxes and are printed in this font. Practice Notes follow the rule annotated. Counsel may rely on the notes but may not use them to avoid controlling statutes or rules, which govern in the event of conflict. As a general practice, do not cite the notes.

Appellate Mediation Program Guidelines

The Guidelines set forth the rules and procedures governing the court's mediation program are located at the end of the rules. Forms related to mediation at the court may be found in the Federal Circuit Forms.

Federal Circuit Forms

Forms prescribed by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and selected Federal Circuit forms are an appendix to this volume. Forms also are available from the clerk or on the court's website.

Guide for Pro Se Petitioners and Appellants

The Guide provides an alternative method for conducting a proceeding in this court for those not represented by counsel. As a general practice, the Guide should not be cited by pro se petitioners or appellants.

Federal Circuit Attorney Discipline Rules

The court's rules provide the grounds for disciplining members of the bar, the types of discipline, and the procedures to be followed.

Courtroom Decorum

Provides proper conduct for participants and spectators during court sessions.

Inquiries and Comments

Telephone inquiries about the rules of practice may be made to the Clerk's Office at 202-275-8000. Public and telephone hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Have these rules at hand when you call. Counsel receiving advice by telephone are expected to confirm it in writing to the clerk and to opposing counsel when that advice appears to authorize exceptions to these rules.

Comments on the rules are welcome. Send comments to Clerk of Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC 20439.

