

BANKRUPTCY ^{UP}DATE

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Proposed Amendments for Public Comment

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Rules have proposed amendments to their rules and have requested that they be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments and the advisory committees' reports explaining the proposed changes are posted on the [Proposed Amendments Published for Public Comment](#) page of the federal judiciary's website. The public comment period closes on February 19, 2020.

Telephonic Hearings and Speakerphones

To allow Judge Nail and other parties to be heard at all times during telephonic hearings and conference calls, attorneys and other parties should only speak using a telephone handset or a full-duplex (**not** a half-duplex) speakerphone. A half-duplex speakerphone is similar to a walkie-talkie in that when the user of the half-duplex system is talking he or she cannot hear anyone else on the call until the speaker stops talking. In contrast, a full-duplex speakerphone allows the speaker and everyone else on the call to speak and be heard at all times. If you are using a half-duplex speakerphone to participate in a telephonic hearing or a conference call and wish to speak,

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