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### **The Days of Our District Court Lives**

Effective December 1, 2009, the Federal Rules for deadlines and how they are computed will change. Currently, a deadline that is set for 10 or fewer days is computed by excluding weekends and holidays. If a deadline is 11 or more days, the time is computed by using only calendar days. Under the new rules, deadlines will be calculated using calendar days only. In addition, deadlines of less than 30 days will change to multiples of seven days, as follows:

- 5-day deadlines become 7-day deadlines;
- 10- and 15-day deadlines become 14-day deadlines;
- 20-day deadlines become 21-day deadlines; and
- 25-day deadlines become 28-day deadlines.

If a deadline happens to fall on a weekend or holiday, it will be extended until the next working day. Per Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d), three days for service will continue to be added to the deadline calculation. *See, Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 45(a).*

Here are some examples of the revised deadlines.

<b>BEFORE</b>	<b>AFTER</b>
Preliminary Hearing w/in <b><u>10 or 20 days</u></b> (Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c))	Preliminary Hearing w/in <b><u>14 or 21 days</u></b> (Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c))
<b><u>7 days</u></b> to correct or reduce a sentence (Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(a))	<b><u>14 days</u></b> to correct or reduce a sentence (Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(a))
<b><u>20 days</u></b> to answer (Fed. R. Civ. P. 12)	<b><u>21 days</u></b> to answer (Fed. R. Civ. P. 12)
<b><u>10 days</u></b> to appeal class-action certification ruling (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(f))	<b><u>14 days</u></b> to appeal class-action certification ruling (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(f))
<b><u>10 days</u></b> to object to Report and Recommendations (28:636(b)(1)(c))	<b><u>14 days</u></b> to object to Report and Recommendations (28:636(b)(1)(c))