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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Federal Bar
FROM: Larry W. Propes, Clerk of Court
DATE: November 24, 2009
RE: Time Computation Amendments to the Federal Rules and Local Rules

As you are probably aware, the time computation amendments to the federal rules go into effect on December 1, 2009. These amendments implement a consistent method of calculating time periods throughout the federal rules. This consistent method is to count every day, instead of the current method of excluding weekends and holidays for some time periods, but not others. Congress has enacted changes to 28 statutory time periods affecting court proceedings to be consistent with this new, simplified computation approach. Courts across the country have revised their local rules effective December 1, 2009, to be consistent with the national rule and statutory changes. Likewise, our court has also amended our local rules effective December 1 to be consistent.

On our website, you will find an Order adopting the amendments to the affected local rules and a redlined version of the amended rules. On December 1, these amendments will be reflected in the local rules found on our website.

If you have any comments concerning these amendments, please provide those to me by no later than March 1, 2010. Modifications necessary as a result of public comments will be considered after that date.