



**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**
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**Filer Guidance Concerning 2019 Amendments to the
Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure**

On December 2, 2019, the court will issue an updated version of the Federal Circuit Rules of Practice incorporating any adopted amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. A copy of the approved amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure are available on the [U.S. Courts website](https://www.uscourts.gov). These amendments will apply to all cases filed on or after December 1, 2019, as well as to all cases pending on or before December 1, 2019, to the extent practicable, unless otherwise ordered.

To the extent that the December 2019 Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure amendments eliminate the proof of service requirement for electronic filing, beginning December 2, 2019, the Federal Circuit will no longer treat as non-compliant electronically-filed documents that otherwise comply with the proof of service requirements of amended Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 25(d). Documents filed or served in paper form will still be required to have a proof of service. For questions and assistance with this guidance, please contact the Clerk's Office at 202-275-8000.

Additionally, the court is currently reviewing its Federal Circuit Rules of Practice for potential amendment, which will be posted for notice and comment at a later date for likely adoption in 2020. However, at any point, members of the bar and public may submit comments or suggestions for amendments to the Federal Circuit Rules of Practice by email to FederalCircuitRules@cafc.uscourts.gov or by mail to Clerk of Court, ATTN: Federal Circuit Rules of Practice Comments, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 717 Madison Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20439.