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Subject: Proposed amendment to FRBP 8002

I respectfully suggest that the time for appealing be left at 10 days. The four-day extension does not materially add to the period of appeal: indeed, a lawyer who wrongly assumes that the appeal period is 30 days would not be helped by that proposed change. The only other reason for changing the long-standing rule cited in Judge Swain's cover memo is to harmonize the computation principles for periods of fewer than 30 days.

I recommend that the Advisory Committee not support this change. It alters a long-established rule upon which lawyers rely, and does not seem to advance an identifiably important goal.

Many thanks

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