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Re: 14 day time limit to file a Notice of Appeal

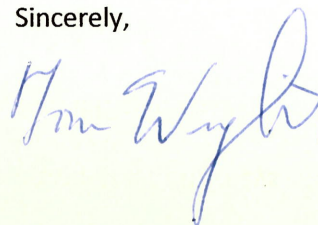
Ladies and Gentlemen:

What would be the proper way to attempt to initiate a rule-making to possibly increase the 14 day time limit to 30 days?

Many U.S. defendants are housed at facilities quite some distance from their attorneys which can make discussing the advisability of an appeal within the 14 day time limit difficult. That is especially true when some District Judges and /or U.S. Marshalls do not allow counsel adequate time after sentencing to fully discuss the advisability of an appeal.

I believe that the time limit should be increased to 30 days in the interest of justice.

Sincerely,



CC: Chief Judges U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Circuits

