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To the Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee

re Proposed amendments to Bankruptcy Rule 8002

I support the extension of time to appeal to 14 days. I do not believe that any material disruption in bankruptcy practice would result.

As to the consideration of a 30 day appeal opportunity, I think that it might be advisable to consider designating different periods for different types of decisions. For instance, many of the orders entered in bankruptcy court, particularly on adversary proceedings, are not time sensitive. The extension of time to appeal would serve the parties and the process (time to consider merits of appeal, prospects of settlement, etc.) In contrast, other decisions may need to be effected at the earliest opportunity.

I realize that such an approach may create confusion among practitioners, but it's worth looking at.

Best regards,  
Judge Judith Wizmur