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Subject: Proposed amendment to Rule 8002

I have no issue with amending Rule 8002 to make the appeal deadline 14 days. I think consistency with the new principles of time computation more than outweigh the potential harm of increasing the time period for appeal. That said, I think that extending the deadline to a full 30 days would be disruptive to bankruptcy practice and could limit the ability of debtors to maximize value. The time periods in bankruptcy are relatively short for a reason -- the exigencies associated with bankruptcy require it. In addition, the sheer volume of orders entered in bankruptcy cases, especially Chapter 11 cases, and their interdependence upon each other require a shorter period until actions become final. Otherwise, an entire case can be held hostage for 30 days waiting for an appeal period to expire. I strongly urge the committee not to expand the deadline past 14 days.

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