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Subject: Sub proposed amendment to Fed R Bankr P 8002

The New Mexico Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office's sense is that amending Fed R Bankr P 8002 to provide for a 14-day period for filing a notice of appeal would not disrupt bankruptcy practice at all. There are only two aspects that occur to us:

The first is maintaining the knowledge/documentation in procedures that "You have _____ days to appeal." This comes into play in interaction with customers and, with regard to certain orders, with how long we wait to take further action, e.g., to close a case.

The second aspect relates to the time it takes us to process cases to conclusion. Extending the time to appeal has the potential to correspondingly extend that time.

Our sense of the suggestion that in the future another amendment would be proposed to change the 14-day period to a 30-day period is that if the time period is to be changed, we might as well skip the 14-day stage and go straight to a 30-day period. The two aspects affecting practice mentioned above would apply here, as well, but we would prefer to have one "retraining" instead of two.

We suspect our judges may have some thoughts on the potential adverse effect of such a time increase on the expeditious treatment/ decision-making/ finality which has historically characterized bankruptcy matters.

Thank you for the special opportunity to comment.

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