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Subject: Bankruptcy appeals deadline

I believe any extension of the time for appeal will benefit the system. Even though most of the parties to a bankruptcy case have counsel, and participate in the case through ECF, some don't. They must depend on timely receipt of adverse rulings through the mail and depend on their notice of appeal reaching the court by mail within the current ten-day time period. It was hard enough for lawyers in this state, hundreds of miles from the court, to meet the deadlines before ECF. The burden on those who are not represented does not seem fair. In addition, the ten-day limit is the shortest of any such rule in the federal courts. Fourteen days is not much better, but will begin to address the fairness issue. Thirty days would be better.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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