

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 31(d)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court intends to amend Local Rule 31(d) to conform to Rule 1(c) of Administrative Order, governing service of briefs. The amendment removes the requirement to serve paper copies of briefs on counsel if counsel has been served with the brief in electronic form. It also notes that Local Rule 25(c)(3)(F) governs filing and service of sealed and redacted versions of briefs (sealed versions must be served in paper form since there is no electronic service).

The proposed amendment will take effect on July 1, 2010. Interested parties may submit comments on or before June 30, 2010, to:

Patricia S. Connor, Clerk  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit  
1100 E. Main Street, Suite 501  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

5/20/10  
Date

/s/ Patricia S. Connor  
Clerk

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In addition to the electronic brief, each~~Each~~ party must file eight paper copies of the brief with the clerk, except that appointed~~and serve two copies on counsel for each party separately represented.~~ Appointed counsel may file six copies, and any~~and serve one copy on counsel for each party separately represented.~~ Any party proceeding in forma pauperis who is not represented by Court-appointed counsel may file four copies. Service of paper copies of briefs on opposing counsel is not required unless counsel was not served electronically.~~with service of one copy on counsel for each party separately represented. If an en banc hearing or rehearing en banc is scheduled, additional copies of briefs may be requested.~~

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Local Rule 25(c)(3)(F).