



Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – June 19, 2019

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 3 (Rulemaking Procedures), you are hereby notified that the Supreme Court Rules Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019**, beginning at **10:30 a.m.**, in Room C-500 at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, in Chicago. Clerks of court are requested to post a hard copy of this notice in a conspicuous place.

The public hearing agenda includes the following items:

16-08 (P.R. 0239) - Amends Supreme Court Rules 306, 308, and 315 (Interlocutory Appeals by Permission, Certified Questions, and Leave to Appeal from the Appellate Court to the Supreme Court)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to (1) establish 30-day timeframes for deciding whether to accept petitions for leave to appeal under Rule 306 and applications for leave to appeal under Rule 308 and (2) remove the 21-day timeframe from Rule 315(f).

17-03 (P.R. 0242) - Amends Supreme Court Rules 206 and 212 (Method of Taking Depositions on Oral Examination and Use of Depositions)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to (1) allow a party to use the video recording of a deposition or reading from a stenographic transcript of the deposition, and (2) allow discovery depositions to be used as a former statement of a party.

18-01 (P.R. 0252) - Amends Supreme Court Rule 218 (Pretrial Procedure)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to establish a protective order for the release of medical information.

18-04 (P.R. 0255) - Amends Supreme Court Rule 345 (Briefs Amicus Curiae)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to allow litigants to submit amicus briefs that both support and oppose petitions for leave to appeal.

18-12 (P.R. 0263) - Amends Supreme Court Rule 315 (Leave to Appeal from the Appellate Court to the Supreme Court)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to (1) clarify that the page and word counts set forth in the rule exclude not only the appendix but any items identified as excluded from the length limitation in Rule 341(b)(1); and (2) allow extra pages for the appellee and the appellant, and extra

time for the appellant, when the appellee seeks cross-relief in the Illinois Supreme Court.

19-02 (P.R. 0266) - Amends Supreme Court Rule 342 (Appendix to the Brief)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to allow an appellant to submit a supplementary appendix, without filing a motion seeking leave to do so, when record material not included in the appellant's original appendix or the appellee's supplementary appendix would aid the court in evaluating the merits of the appeal.

The proposals are available on the Supreme Court's website at: www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/PublicHearings/Rules/. To obtain hard copies of the proposals by U.S. mail, please contact Gabriela Conley at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at (312) 793-2558 or gconley@illinoiscourts.gov.

The Supreme Court Rules Committee invites public comments on the proposals. Written comments should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**, to abowne@illinoiscourts.gov or via mail to: Committee Secretary, Supreme Court Rules Committee, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. *****PLEASE NOTE: All written comments submitted will also be published and accessible on the Supreme Court's website.*****

To be scheduled to testify at the public hearing, please send an e-mail or written request to the Rules Committee Secretary, as noted above, no later than **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**.