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**Notice of Proposed Circuit Rule
Changes and Opportunity for Comment**

Notice is hereby given that the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 proposes the addition of new Circuit Rules 28.1, 29, and 32(c). Written comments on the proposed rule changes should be sent by November 7, 2016, to:

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CIRCUIT RULE 28.1 Cross-Appeals

A brief need not comply with the portion of Fed. R. App. P. 28.1(e)(2) setting maximum word counts for briefs in cross-appeals. An appellant's opening brief in a cross-appeal, or the appellant's response brief, is acceptable if it contains no more than 14,000 words; an appellee's combined principal and response brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 16,500 words; and a reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.

CIRCUIT RULE 29 Brief of an Amicus Curiae

A brief need not comply with the portion of Fed. R. App. P. 29(a)(5) that limits the brief of an amicus curiae during the initial consideration of a case on the merits to one-half the length allowed by Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(7) for a party's principal brief. An amicus brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.

CIRCUIT RULE 32 Form of a Brief

(c) A brief need not comply with the portion of Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(7) limiting principal briefs to 13,000 words and reply briefs to 6,500 words. A principal brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 14,000 words, and a reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.