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The Supreme Court of the United States today announced that it will entertain public comment on proposed revisions to its Rules. There are four substantive changes proposed. First, new language in Rules 14.1(b) and 15.2 would require parties to identify any trial and appellate court cases that are directly related to the case in this Court. This provision is designed to assist the Justices in determining whether their participation in a case before joining the Court might necessitate recusal. Second, an amendment to Rule 25.3 would require that a reply brief in a case scheduled for argument be received by the Clerk not later than 2 p.m. 10 days before the date of argument; the current rule requires that a reply be submitted seven days before argument. Third, amendments to Rules 29.1 and 29.2 make explicit that paper remains the official form of filing. And fourth, amendments to Rule 33(g) would reduce the number of words that are permitted for merits briefs.

Copies of the proposed revisions are available from the Court's Public Information Office and on the Court's website at https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/rules_guidance. The Court last revised its Rules in September 2017.

The proposed revisions are accompanied by "Clerk's Comments." These are not part of the Rules, but are furnished to assist readers in understanding the proposed changes.

Comments must be received by November 30, 2018. They should be submitted in writing to:

Clerk of the Court
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