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Chapter 1 : "The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in the Context of Transnational L" by George K. Walker

References to Equity Rules. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure supplant the Equity Rules since in general they cover the field now covered by the Equity Rules and the Conformity Act (former section of this title). This table shows the Equity Rules to which references are made in the notes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The following rules apply in computing any time period specified in these rules, in any local rule or court order, or in any statute that does not specify a method of computing time. When the period is stated in days or a longer unit of time: A exclude the day of the event that triggers the period; B count every day, including intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; and C include the last day of the period, but if the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period continues to run until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. When the period is stated in hours: A begin counting immediately on the occurrence of the event that triggers the period; B count every hour, including hours during intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; and C if the period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period continues to run until the same time on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. A on the last day for filing under Rule 6 a 1 , then the time for filing is extended to the first accessible day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; or B during the last hour for filing under Rule 6 a 2 , then the time for filing is extended to the same time on the first accessible day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Unless a different time is set by a statute, local rule, or court order, the last day ends: When an act may or must be done within a specified time, the court may, for good cause, extend the time: A with or without motion or notice if the court acts, or if a request is made, before the original time or its extension expires; or B on motion made after the time has expired if the party failed to act because of excusable neglect. A court must not extend the time to act under Rules 50 b and d , 52 b , 59 b , d , and e , and 60 b. A written motion and notice of the hearing must be served at least 14 days before the time specified for the hearing, with the following exceptions: A when the motion may be heard ex parte; B when these rules set a different time; or C when a court orderâ€”which a party may, for good cause, apply for ex parteâ€”sets a different time. Any affidavit supporting a motion must be served with the motion. Except as Rule 59 c provides otherwise, any opposing affidavit must be served at least 7 days before the hearing, unless the court permits service at another time. When a party may or must act within a specified time after being served and service is made under Rule 5 b 2 C mail , D leaving with the clerk , or F other means consented to , 3 days are added after the period would otherwise expire under Rule 6 a. Notes As amended Dec. July 1 , ; Feb. July 1 , ; Dec. July 1 , ; Mar. July 1 , ; Apr. Note to Subdivision c. This eliminates the difficulties caused by the expiration of terms of court. Such statutes as U. Note to Subdivision d. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the finality of judgments. Prior to the advent of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the general rule that a court loses jurisdiction to disturb its judgments, upon the expiration of the term at which they were entered, had long been the classic device which together with the statutory limits on the time for appeal gave finality to judgments. See Note to Rule 73 a. Rule 6 c abrogates that limit on judicial power. That limit was open to many objections, one of them being inequality of operation because, under it, the time for vacating a judgment rendered early in a term was much longer than for a judgment rendered near the end of the term. The question to be met under Rule 6 b is: The rules contain a number of provisions permitting the vacation or modification of judgments on various grounds. Each of these rules contains express time limits on the motions for granting of relief. Rule 6 b is a rule of general application giving wide discretion to the court to enlarge these time limits or revive them after they have expired, the only exceptions stated in the original rule being a prohibition against enlarging the time specified in Rule 59 b and d for making motions for or granting new trials, and a prohibition against enlarging the time fixed by law for taking an appeal. It should also be noted that Rule 6 b itself contains no limitation of time within which the court may exercise its discretion, and since the expiration of the term does not end its power, there is now no time limit on the exercise of its discretion under Rule 6 b. Decisions of

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lower federal courts suggest that some of the rules containing time limits which may be set aside under Rule 6 b are Rules 25, 50 b, 52 b, 60 b, and 73 g. In a number of cases the effect of Rule 6 b on the time limitations of these rules has been considered. Certainly the rule is susceptible of the interpretation that the court is given the power in its discretion to relieve a party from failure to act within the times specified in any of these other rules, with only the exceptions stated in Rule 6 b, and in some cases the rule has been so construed. With regard to Rule 25 a for substitution, it was held in *Anderson v. As*. As to Rules 50 b for judgments notwithstanding the verdict and 52 b for amendment of findings and vacation of judgment, it was recognized in *Leishman v. Associated Wholesale Electric Co.* As to Rule 59 on motions for a new trial, it has been settled that the time limits in Rule 59 b and d for making motions for or granting new trial could not be set aside under Rule 6 b, because Rule 6 b expressly refers to Rule 59, and forbids it. See *Safeway Stores, Inc. Chicago Great Western Ry.* As to Rule 60 b for relief from a judgment, it was held in *Schram v. The contrary result was reached in Wallace v. South Atlantic Steamship Co.* As to Rule 73 g, fixing the time for docketing an appeal, it was held in *Ainsworth v. The amendment of Rule 6 b now proposed is based on the view that there should be a definite point where it can be said a judgment is final; that the right method of dealing with the problem is to list in Rule 6 b the various other rules whose time limits may not be set aside, and then, if the time limit in any of those other rules is too short, to amend that other rule to give a longer time. The further argument is that Rule 6 c abolished the long standing device to produce finality in judgments through expiration of the term, and since that limitation on the jurisdiction of courts to set aside their own judgments has been removed by Rule 6 c, some other limitation must be substituted or judgments never can be said to be final. In this connection reference is made to the established rule that if a motion for new trial is seasonably made, the mere making or pendency of the motion destroys the finality of the judgment, and even though the motion is ultimately denied, the full time for appeal starts anew from the date of denial. Also, a motion to amend the findings under Rule 52 b has the same effect on the time for appeal. This is also true with regard to proposed Rule 59 e, which authorizes a motion to alter or amend a judgment, hence that rule is also included in the enumeration in amended Rule 6 b. In consideration of the amendment, however, it should be noted that Rule 60 b is also to be amended so as to lengthen the six-months period originally prescribed in that rule to one year. As to Rule 25 on substitution, while finality is not involved, the limit there fixed should be controlling. That rule, as amended, gives the court power, upon showing of a reasonable excuse, to permit substitution after the expiration of the two-year period. As to Rule 73 g, it is believed that the conflict in decisions should be resolved and not left to further litigation, and that the rule should be listed as one whose limitation may not be set aside under Rule 6 b. As to Rule 59 c, fixing the time for serving affidavits on motion for new trial, it is believed that the court should have authority under Rule 6 b to enlarge the time, because, once the motion for new trial is made, the judgment no longer has finality, and the extension of time for affidavits thus does not of itself disturb finality. Other changes proposed in Rule 6 b are merely clarifying and conforming. The purpose of this amendment is to prevent reliance upon the continued existence of a term as a source of power to disturb the finality of a judgment upon grounds other than those stated in these rules. Hawes U. The wording of the first sentence of Rule 6 a is clarified and the subdivision is made expressly applicable to computing periods of time set forth in local rules. In the light of these changes the last sentence of the present subdivision, dealing with half holidays, is eliminated. The delay can be obviated by applying to the court to shorten the time, see Rules 6 d and 65 b. The prohibition against extending the time for taking action under Rule 25 Substitution of parties is eliminated. The only limitation of time provided for in amended Rule 25 is the 90-day period following a suggestion upon the record of the death of a party within which to make a motion to substitute the proper parties for the deceased party. It is intended that the court shall have discretion to enlarge that period. Notes of Advisory Committee on Rules Amendment The amendment eliminates the references to Rule 73, which is to be abrogated. The Act, which amended Title 5, U. Columbus Day is to be observed on the second Monday in October. The amendment confers finality upon the judgments of magistrates by foreclosing enlargement of the time for appeal except as provided in new Rule 74 a 20 day*

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period for demonstration of excusable neglect. Parties who are obliged to file something with the court during that period should not be penalized if they cannot do so. The amendment conforms to changes made in Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 45 a , effective August 1, The Rule also is amended to extend the exclusion of intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays to the computation of time periods less than 11 days. Under the current version of the Rule, parties bringing motions under rules with day periods could have as few as 5 working days to prepare their motions. This hardship would be especially acute in the case of Rules 50 b and c 2 , 52 b , and 59 b , d , and e , which may not be enlarged at the discretion of the court. See Rule 6 b. If the exclusion of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays will operate to cause excessive delay in urgent cases, the delay can be obviated by applying to the court to shorten the time, See Rule 6 b. No substantive change is intended. Committee Notes on Rulesâ€™ Amendment The reference to Rule 74 a is stricken from the catalogue of time periods that cannot be extended by the district court. The change reflects the abrogation of Rule 74 a. Committee Notes on Rulesâ€™ Amendment The additional three days provided by Rule 6 e is extended to the means of service authorized by the new paragraph D added to Rule 5 b , includingâ€™with the consent of the person servedâ€™service by electronic or other means. The three-day addition is provided as well for service on a person with no known address by leaving a copy with the clerk of the court. Changes Made After Publication and Comments. Committee Notes on Rulesâ€™ Amendment Rule 6 e is amended to remove any doubt as to the method for extending the time to respond after service by mail, leaving with the clerk of court, electronic means, or other means consented to by the party served. Three days are added after the prescribed period otherwise expires under Rule 6 a. Intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are included in counting these added three days. If the third day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day to act is the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The effect of invoking the day when the prescribed period would otherwise expire under Rule 6 a can be illustrated by assuming that the thirtieth day of a thirty-day period is a Saturday. Under Rule 6 a the period expires on the next day that is not a Sunday or legal holiday. If the following Monday is a legal holiday, under Rule 6 a the period expires on Tuesday. Three days are then addedâ€™Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday as the third and final day to act. If the period prescribed expires on a Friday, the three added days are Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, which is the third and final day to act unless it is a legal holiday. If Monday is a legal holiday, the next day that is not a legal holiday is the third and final day to act. Application of Rule 6 e to a period that is less than eleven days can be illustrated by a paper that is served by mailing on a Friday. If ten days are allowed to respond, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are excluded in determining when the period expires under Rule 6 a. If there is no legal holiday, the period expires on the Friday two weeks after the paper was mailed. The three added Rule 6 e days are Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, which is the third and final day to act unless it is a legal holiday. If Monday is a legal holiday, the next day that is not a legal holiday is the final day to act. Changes Made After Publication and Comment.

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The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (eff. Dec. 1,) govern civil proceedings in the United States district courts. Their purpose is "to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding."

A substantial connection exists when a significant part of the transaction or occurrence occurred in the forum state, when an individual defendant is a habitual resident of the forum state or a jural entity has received its charter of organization or has its principal place of business therein, or when property to which the dispute relates is located in the forum state. A court should not exercise jurisdiction on the basis of implied consent without giving the parties a fair opportunity to challenge jurisdiction. Administration of this standard necessarily involves elements of practical judgment and self-restraint. The scope of this expression might not be the same in all systems. The location of intangible property should be ascribed according to forum law. P-2E Party agreement to exclusive jurisdiction, including an arbitration agreement, ordinarily should be honored. P-2F The concept recognized in Principle 2. In some civil-law systems, the concept is that of preventing abuse of the forum. This principle can be given effect by suspending the forum proceeding in deference to another tribunal. The existence of a more convenient forum is necessary for application of this Principle. This Principle should be interpreted in connection with the Principle of Procedural Equality of the Parties, which prohibits any kind of discrimination on the basis of nationality or residence. P-2G For the timing and scope of devices to stay other proceedings, such as *lis pendens*, see Principles Procedural Equality of the Parties 3. The court should take into account difficulties that might be encountered by a foreign party in participating in litigation. It can also mean the opposite of arbitrary. The concept of reasonableness also precludes hyper-technical legal argument and leaves a range of discretion to the court to avoid severe, excessive, or unreasonable application of procedural norms. P-3B Illegitimate discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of nationality, residence, gender, race, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, birth or other status, sexual orientation, or association with a national minority. Any form of illegitimate discrimination is prohibited, but discrimination on the basis of nationality or residence is a particularly sensitive issue in transnational commercial litigation. P-3C Special protection for a litigant, through a conservatorship or other protective procedure such as a curator or guardian, should be afforded to safeguard the interests of persons who lack full legal capacity, such as minors. Such protective measures should not be abusively imposed on a foreign litigant. P-3D Some jurisdictions require a person to provide security for costs, or for liability for provisional measures, in order to guarantee full compensation of possible future damages incurred by an opposing party. Other jurisdictions do not require such security, and some of them have constitutional provisions regarding access to justice or equality of the parties that prohibit such security. However, the effective responsibility of a nonnational or nonresident for costs or liability for provisional measures should be evaluated under the same general standards. P-3E Venue rules of a national system territorial competence generally reflect considerations of convenience for litigants within the country. They should be administered in light of the principle of convenience of the forum stated in Principle 3. A venue rule that would impose substantial inconvenience within the forum state should not be given effect when there is another more convenient venue and transfer of venue within the forum state should be afforded from an unreasonably inconvenient location. Right to Engage a Lawyer 4. A lawyer should be permitted to fulfill the duty of loyalty to a client and the responsibility to maintain client confidences. P-4A A forum may appropriately require that a lawyer representing a party be admitted to practice in the forum unless the party is unable to retain such a lawyer. However, a party should also be permitted the assistance of other lawyers, particularly its regular lawyer, who should be permitted to attend and actively participate in all hearings in the dispute. That matter should be governed by forum law except that a foreign lawyer should at least be permitted to attend the hearing and address the court informally. P-4C The attorney-client relationship is ordinarily governed by rules of the forum, including the choice-of-law rules. P-4D The principles of legal ethics vary

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somewhat among various countries. However, all countries should recognize that lawyers in independent practice are expected to advocate the interests of their clients and generally to maintain the secrecy of confidences obtained in the course of representation. Due Notice and Right to Be Heard 5. The notice should be accompanied by a copy of the complaint or otherwise include the allegations of the complaint and specification of the relief sought by plaintiff. A party against whom relief is sought should be informed of the procedure for response and the possibility of default judgment for failure to make timely response. Defendant and other parties should give notice of their defenses and other contentions and requests for relief in a language of the proceeding, as provided in Principle 6. An ex parte order should be proportionate to the interests that the applicant seeks to protect. As soon as practicable, the affected party should be given notice of the order and of the matters relied upon to support it, and should have the right to apply for a prompt and full reconsideration by the court. P-5A The specific procedure for giving notice varies somewhat among legal systems. For example, in some systems the court is responsible for giving the parties notice, including copies of the pleadings, while in other systems that responsibility is imposed on the parties. P-5B The possibility of a default judgment is especially important in international litigation. P-5D According to Principle 5. P-5E The standard stated in Principle 5. See Principle 23, requiring that the written decision be accompanied by a reasoned explanation of its legal, evidentiary, and factual basis. P-5F Forum law may provide for expedited means of communication without party approval or special court order. Often such orders can be effective only if enforced without prior notice. An opposing party should be given prompt notice of such an order, opportunity to be heard immediately, and a right to full reconsideration of the factual and legal basis of such an order. An ex parte proceeding should be governed by Principle 8. Translation of lengthy or voluminous documents may be limited to portions, as agreed by the parties or ordered by the court. P-6A The court should conduct the proceeding in a language in which it is fluent. Ordinarily this will be the language of the state in which the court is situated. P-6B Frequently in transnational litigation witnesses and experts are not competent in the language in which the proceeding is conducted. In such a case, translation is required for the court and for other parties. The testimony must be taken with the aid of an interpreter, with the party presenting the evidence paying the cost of the translation unless the court orders otherwise. Alternatively, the witness may be examined through deposition, upon agreement of the parties or by order of the court. The deposition can then be translated and submitted at the hearing. Prompt Rendition of Justice 7. Procedural rules and court orders may prescribe reasonable time schedules and deadlines and impose sanctions on the parties or their lawyers for noncompliance with such rules and orders that is not excused by good reason. P-7A In all legal systems the court has a responsibility to move the adjudication forward. Provisional and Protective Measures 8. Provisional measures are governed by the principle of proportionality. The applicant must fully disclose facts and legal issues of which the court properly should be aware. A person against whom ex parte relief is directed must have the opportunity at the earliest practicable time to respond concerning the appropriateness of the relief. In appropriate circumstances, the court must require the applicant for provisional relief to post a bond or formally to assume a duty of compensation. The term is used here in a generic sense to include attachment, sequestration, and other directives. The concept of regulation includes measures to ameliorate the underlying controversy, for example supervision of management of a partnership during litigation among the partners. Availability of provisional remedies or interim measures, such as attachment or sequestration, should be determined by forum law, including applicable principles of international law. A court may also order disclosure of assets wherever located, or grant provisional relief to facilitate arbitration or enforce arbitration provisional measures. Such an injunction is usually known as an ex parte order. P-8C The question for the court, in considering an application for an ex parte order, is whether the applicant has made a reasonable and specific demonstration that such an order is required to prevent an irreparable deterioration in the situation to be addressed in the litigation, and that it would be imprudent to postpone the order until the opposing party has opportunity to be heard. The burden is on the party requesting an ex parte order to justify its issuance. However, as soon as practicable, the opposing party or person to whom the order is addressed should be given

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notice of the order and of the matters relied upon to support it and should have the right to apply for a prompt and full reconsideration by the court. The party or person must have the opportunity for a de novo reconsideration of the decision, including opportunity to present evidence. Failure to make such disclosure is ground to vacate an order and may be a basis of liability for damages against the requesting party. In some legal systems, assessment of damages for an erroneously issued order does not necessarily reflect the proper resolution of the underlying merits. P-8E After hearing those interested, the court may issue, dissolve, renew, or modify an order. If the court had declined to issue an order ex parte, it may nevertheless issue an order upon a hearing. If the court previously issued an order ex parte, it may dissolve, renew, or modify its order in light of the matters developed at the hearing. The burden is on the party seeking the order to show that it is justified. The particulars of such compensation should be determined by the law of the forum. An obligation to compensate should be express, not merely by implication, and could be formalized through a bond underwritten by a third party. P-8G An order under this Principle in many systems is ordinarily subject to immediate appellate review, according to the procedure of the forum. In some systems such an order is of very brief duration and subject to prompt reconsideration in the first-instance tribunal prior to the possibility of appellate review. The guarantee of a review is particularly necessary when the order has been issued ex parte. Review by a second-instance tribunal is regulated in different ways in various systems. However, it should also be recognized that such a review might entail a loss of time or procedural abuse. Structure of the Proceedings 9. For example, if convenient a judge would have discretion to hold a conference in the pleading phase and to hold multiple conferences as the case progresses. P-9B An orderly schedule facilitates expeditious conduct of the litigation. Discussion between the court and lawyers for the parties facilitates practical scheduling and orderly hearings. P-9D In common-law systems, a procedure for considering potentially dispositive issues before final hearing is the motion for summary judgment, which can address legal issues, or the issue of whether there is genuine controversy about facts, or both such issues. Civil-law jurisdictions provide for similar procedures in the interim phase. P-9E In most systems the objection of lack of jurisdiction over the person must be made by the party involved and at an early stage in the proceeding, under penalty of forfeiting the objection. In international litigation it is particularly important that questions of jurisdiction be addressed promptly. Party Initiative and Scope of the Proceeding A party should not be permitted unilaterally to terminate or modify the action when prejudice to another party would result. PA All modern legal systems recognize the principle of party initiative concerning the scope and particulars of the dispute.

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Chapter 3 : Study LXXVI - Principles of transnational civil procedure (-)

THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE IN THE CONTEXT OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW GEORGE K. WALKER INTRODUCTION Application of international law to civil litigation in the transnational.*

For example, assault requires intent , so if the plaintiff has failed to plead intent, the defense can seek dismissal by filing a 12 b 6 motion. Factual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above the speculative level, on the assumption that all the allegations in the complaint are true even if doubtful in fact. A 12 b 6 motion cannot include additional evidence such as affidavits. Additionally, because 12 b 1 motions are so fundamental, they may never be waived throughout the course of litigation, and 12 b 6 and 12 b 7 motions may be filed at any time until trial ends. Rule 13 describes when a defendant is allowed or required to assert claims against other parties to the suit joinder. The law encourages people to resolve all their differences as efficiently as possible; consequently, in many jurisdictions, counterclaims claims against an opposing party that arise out of the same transaction or occurrence compulsory counterclaims must be brought during the original suit, or they will be barred from future litigation preclusion. Any counterclaims may be brought, even if they are not compulsory permissive counterclaims , however a crossclaim claims against a coparty , while not compulsory, must arise out of the same transaction or occurrence of the original suit or a counterclaim, or it must relate to the property in the original suit. Rule 14 allows parties to bring in other third parties to a lawsuit. Rule 15 allows pleadings to be amended or supplemented. Plaintiffs may amend once before an answer is filed, a defendant can amend once within 21 days of serving an answer, and if there is no right to amend, seek leave of court "leave shall be given when justice so requires. Rule 17 states that all actions must be prosecuted in the name of the real party in interest, that is, the plaintiff must be person or entity whose rights are at issue in the case. Rule 18 " Joinder of Claims and Remedies " states that a plaintiff who may plead in a single civil action as many claims as the plaintiff has against a defendant, even if the claims are not related, and may request any remedy to which the law entitles the plaintiff. Of course, each claim must have its own basis for jurisdiction in the court in which it is brought or be subject to dismissal. Rule 19 " Compulsory Joinder of Parties " if a person who is not a party to the suit is "necessary" to just adjudication of the action, under the criteria set forth in subsection a , then upon motion of any party that person shall be made a party, served with suit, and required to participate in the action. If the person cannot be made a party for any reason, such as lack of jurisdiction, inability to be located, etc. If so, the action must be dismissed. Rule 20 Permissive Joinder of Parties. Joinder of parties at common law was controlled by the substantive rules of law, often as reflected in the forms of action, rather than by notions of judicial economy and trial convenience. Permissive joinder of plaintiffs allows the plaintiffs having an option to join their claims when they were not joint. Rule 22 governs the procedure for interpleader. It allows an interpleader to be brought by a plaintiff who is subject to multiple liability even though 1. A defendant exposed to similar liability may also seek interpleader. Rule 23 governs the procedure for class action litigation. In a class action, a single plaintiff or small group of plaintiffs seeks to proceed on behalf of an entire class who have been harmed by the same conduct by the same defendants. Court approval is required for this procedure to be used. Title V " Discovery[edit] Rules 26 to Title V covers the rules of discovery. Modern civil litigation is based upon the idea that the parties should not be subject to surprises at trial. Discovery is the process whereby civil litigants seek to obtain information both from other parties and from non parties or third parties. Parties have a series of tools with which they can obtain information: Document requests Rule A party can require other parties to admit or deny the truth of certain statements Depositions Rule A party can require at most 10 individuals or representatives of organizations to make themselves available for questioning for a maximum of one day of 7 hours, without obtaining leave of court. FRCP Rule 37 oversees the possible sanctions that someone may seek if a failure to preserve data takes place and outlines how courts interpret if one party is at a disadvantage. Information about any expert witness testimony is also required. FRCP Rule 26 provides general guidelines to

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the discovery process, it requires the plaintiff to initiate a conference between the parties to plan the discovery process. The parties should attempt to agree on the proposed discovery plan, and submit it to the court within 14 days after the conference. This should be at least 60 days before the trial. The trial target date is usually 6 months to 2 years after the conference. Deadline for amending pleadings. Normally it is at least 30 days before the discovery ends. Deadline for initial expert disclosures and rebuttal expert disclosures. Deadline for dispositive motions. Usually it is at least 30 days after the discovery end-date. Deadline for Pre-trial order. If any dispositive motions are filed, the Joint Pretrial Order can be filed at least 30 days after the last decision on the merits. Unless all parties agree otherwise, the parties should submit to each other the initial disclosures under Rule 26 a within 14 days after the conference. As stated above, there is a limitation on number of interrogatories and depositions, but there is no limitation on RFAs and RFPs. Some states, like California, have different limitations set in their Local Rules. FRCP requires that the party to whom the request for Interrogatories, RFA or RFP is directed must respond in writing within 30 days after being served, otherwise the requestor can file a motion to compel discovery and for sanctions. Title VI – Trial[edit] Rules 38 to Title VI deals generally with the trial of civil actions, although some other topics are also included. These rules must be construed in light of the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution , which preserves a right to jury trial in most actions at common law as opposed to equity cases. Rule 40 deals in general terms with the order in which cases will be scheduled for trial and has little significance in practice. Rule 41 deals with dismissal of actions. With certain exceptions e. An action may also be involuntarily dismissed by the court if the plaintiff fails to comply with deadlines or court orders. Rule 42 deals with consolidation of related cases or the holding of separate trials. Rule 43 addresses the taking of testimony, which is to be taken in open court whenever possible. Rule 44 governs authentication of official records. Rule 45 deals with subpoenas. A subpoena commands a person to give testimony, to produce documents for inspection and copying, or both. Although included in the Chapter headed "trials," subpoenas can also be used to obtain document production or depositions of non-parties to the litigation during the pre-trial discovery stage. The next several rules govern jury trials. Rule 47 provides for the selection of jurors and rule 48 governs the number of jurors in a civil case. A civil jury must consist of between six and twelve jurors six jurors are presently used in the vast majority of federal civil trials; juries of twelve are still required in federal criminal cases. Rule 49 provides for use of "special verdicts" in jury trials, under which the jury may be asked to respond to specific questions rather than just finding liability or non-liability and determining the amount of the damages, if any. Rule 50 addresses situations in which a case is so one-sided that the court may grant "judgment as a matter of law" taking the case from the jury. Rule 51 governs jury instructions. Rule 52 provides procedure for the judge to hand down findings and conclusions following non-jury trials. Rule 53 governs masters, who are typically lawyers designated by the court to act as neutrals and assist the court in a case. Rule 56 deals with summary judgment. It is considered the last gate-keeping function before trial, answering the question of whether the claim could even go to a jury. A successful summary judgment motion persuades the court there is no "genuine issue of material fact" and also that the moving party is "entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Then the burden shifts to the non-moving party, which has to show that the claim is adequate to let it get to the jury. The non-movant can submit affidavits, depositions, and other material. A court grants summary judgment when there is no way the movant can lose at trial. A partial summary judgment usually pertains only to certain claims, not the whole case. Rule 50 also deals with judgments as a matter of law, however Rule 50 decisions take place after a jury has been empanelled. A motion under Rule 50 a generally takes place immediately after the opposing party has finished presenting its case and must take place before the case is submitted to the jury. Importantly, to keep open the option of moving for a "judgment notwithstanding the verdict," or "judgment non obstante verdicto" after the jury has returned a verdict, one must file a Rule 50 a motion. A renewed 50 a motion must be filed within 28 days of verdict entry. Rule 50 also covers motions for a new trial. These motions can be granted, denied, conditionally granted, or conditionally denied. Conditional grants or denials cover what will happen if the case is reversed on appeal. For instance, a case that ends with a

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successfully renewed Rule 50 a motion to overturn the jury verdict may also include a conditional grant of a new trial. If the losing party wins their appeal, the trial will start over again. A motion for a new trial is a Rule 59 a 1 motion and is generally filed simultaneously and as an alternative to a renewal of a Rule 50 a motion. This Title deals with remedies that may be granted by a federal court – both provisional remedies that may be ordered while the action is pending as well as final relief that may be granted to the winning party at the end of the case. Rule 64 is captioned "Seizure of Person or Property" and authorizes procedures such as Prejudgment attachment , replevin , and garnishment. In general, these remedies may be awarded when they would be authorized under the law of the state in which the federal court is located – a rare instance in which the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, generally designed to promote uniformity of practice in the federal districts throughout the country, defer to state law. Rule 65 governs the procedure on applications for preliminary injunctions and temporary restraining orders. Rule 66 deals with receivership. Rule 67 deals with funds deposited in court, such as in interpleader actions. Rule 68 governs the offer of judgment procedure under which a party may make a confidential offer of settlement in an action for money damages. Rules 69 and 70 deal with execution of judgments and orders directing a party to take a specific act. Rule 71 deals with the effect of judgments on persons who are not parties to the action. Chapter IX currently deals with special types of litigation that may take place in the federal courts. These rules were abrogated in when they were superseded by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure , a separate set of rules specifically governing the Courts of Appeals.

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] transnational rules of civil procedure Participation by additional parties, whether as claimant, defendant, or third party, is determined according to Rule 5.

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project to develop transnational rules for civil procedure has drawn extensively on the work of Professor Storme. International arbitration often is a substitute for adjudica-

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The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure reflect, albeit within the general common law family, a distinctive American form of procedure de- riving from such features as trial by jury, broad discovery, and a central role for.

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Thus, it is necessary, early in the course when the civil versus common law distinction is made, to refer to transnational legal perspectives. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which govern the structure of American civil proceedings, reflect distinctive American features like notice pleading, single-event trials with live testimony, broad discovery, a central role for counsel, liberal joinder and aggregation devices, and promotion of settlement.

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