

**CHANGES IN HOW TIME IS COMPUTED; AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES,
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009**

Please take note of the following changes to the Federal Rules:

re: Time Computations

Time computation amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Bankruptcy Procedure, Appellate Procedure and the Court's Local Rules go into effect on December 1, 2009.

Under the current federal rules, intermediate weekends and holidays are excluded when calculating time periods fewer than eight days. Effective December 1, 2009, the amended rules will count intermediate weekends and holidays for all time periods.

Deadlines of less than 30 days have been changed to multiples of seven days so that the expiration of the deadline ordinarily would occur on a weekday. Generally, under the revised rules:

- 5-day deadlines become 7 days;
- 10- and 15-day deadlines become 14 days;
- 20-day deadlines become 21 days; and
- 25-day deadlines become 28 days.

Please note that the time computation changes apply to all pending actions unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

The revisions to the Federal Rules effective December 1, 2009, govern and supersede deadlines established by any General Orders and by the content of the Local Rules for the Middle District of Alabama.

These time computation amendments will also be reflected in future amendments to the Court's Local Rules.

For more information on the changes to the Federal Rules, go to:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/newrules6.htm#proposed0709>

Thank You,
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