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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE  
THIRD CIRCUIT LOCAL APPELLATE RULES**

Chief Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit announced that proposed amendments to the Court's Local Appellate Rules are now available for public review and comment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b).

The proposed changes to the Local Appellate Rules are amendments to existing rules. One change requires the submission of briefs in electronic format in addition to the paper copies. This requirement does not include appendices. Another amendment requires that both the paper copies and electronic version of briefs include line numbering. Citations within a brief or to an opponent's brief must be to the line number.

A copy of the proposed amended rules will be available for review by interested parties until January 23, 2004 in the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, at branch law libraries and on the Third Circuit website at [www.ca3.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca3.uscourts.gov). Copies are also available upon request from the Office of the Clerk. All comments on the proposed amendments must be received in writing at the address below no later than January 23, 2004.

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