

**DRAFT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE
COURT OF REVIEW**

REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Comments are sought on Amendment to
Rule 15(d) of the United States Foreign
Intelligence Surveillance Court of
Review Rules of Procedure

All Written Comments are Due by:
April 27, 2018



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Washington, D.C.

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**UNITED STATES
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE COURT OF REVIEW**

Washington, D.C.

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Rules of Procedure

Under the authority granted by 50 U.S.C. § 1803(g), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review (“FISCR”) is proposing amendments to its Rules of Procedure. By posting a redline draft of these proposed changes, the Court is providing the public with notice and the opportunity to submit comments concerning these proposed amendments to the procedures regulating practice before the FISCR. Any such comments should be sent to response@ao.uscourts.gov. The comment period will close on April 27, 2018, after which the FISCR will consider any comments received, make revisions as it deems appropriate, and then transmit the amended Rules of Procedure as directed by 50 U.S.C. § 1803(g).

Rule 15. Amicus Curiae.

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(d) Brief of an Amicus Curiae.

(1) **Content.** An amicus curiae brief must conform to the requirements of Rule 14(a)(2)-(8) and (10), except that none of the following need appear:

- (A) the jurisdictional statement;
- (B) the statement of the issues; and
- (C) the statement of the standard of review.

(2) **Format and Length.** An amicus curiae brief must meet the requirements of Rule 9(c) and Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 29~~(d)~~(a)(5) and 32(a), except that a brief filed by a Court-appointed amicus is subject to the maximum length restrictions of Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(a)(7), and not Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 29(a)(5).

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