

# United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

## NOTICE TO ALL COUNSEL REGARDING AMENDMENT OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT PLAN TO EXPEDITE CRIMINAL APPEALS

On November 15, 2021, the Eighth Circuit amended the Plan to Expedite Criminal Appeals to change the format of record references to district court documents.

Section III B.2 “Form of Record References” has been amended to require counsel to comply with the record reference format set out in new Eighth Circuit Rule 28A(j). The effect of this amendment is to substitute the R. Doc. format for the DCD format previously required for record references in criminal appeals.

For example, a citation to page 3 of a motion to suppress which appears as Document 12 on the district court docket should now be in the format: R. Doc. 12, at 3. There is no requirement for a parallel citation to an Appendix as there is no requirement for an Appendix in criminal appeals. *See* Section III A.1.b of the Eighth Circuit Plan to Expedite Criminal Appeal.

To accommodate attorneys in the process of completing briefs in *criminal* appeals, the court will accept briefs using either the DCD or R. Doc. record reference formats through November 30, 2021. Beginning December 1, 2021, all record references in criminal briefs must be in the R. Doc. format established in Eighth Circuit Rule 28A(j).

The R. Doc. requirement is currently in effect in *civil* cases.

Failure to use the R. Doc. format after November 30, 2021, will result in the issuance of a briefing deficiency notice and will prevent the filing of your brief until the deficiency is corrected.

Any questions should be addressed to the Clerk’s Office. We appreciate your cooperation.

Michael E. Gans  
Clerk of Court

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