



Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - April 4, 2014

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 3 (Rulemaking Procedures), you are hereby notified that the Supreme Court Rules Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, April 4, 2014**, beginning at **10 a.m.**, in Room C-500 at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, in Chicago. Clerks of court are requested to post a hard copy of this notice in a conspicuous place.

The public hearing agenda includes the following items:

Proposal 13-01 (P.R. 0204) - Amends Rule 243 (Written Juror Questions Directed to Witnesses)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to amend paragraph (a) of Rule 243 to specify that juror questions are for purposes of juror clarification of testimony and to amend paragraph (c) to clarify that the limitations on direct testimony in Supreme Court Rule 213(g) apply to juror questions.

Proposal 13-02 (P.R. 0205) - Amends Rule 306 (Interlocutory Appeals by Permission)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to amend paragraph (c)(5) of Rule 306 to permit the proceedings in the trial court to go forward pending resolution of a Rule 306 appeal unless good cause is shown to stay them.

Proposal 14-01 (P.R. 0213) - Amends Rule 201 (General Discovery Provisions), Rule 204 (Compelling Appearance of Deponent), Rule 214 (Discovery of Documents, Objects, and Tangible Things - Inspection of Real Estate), Rule 216 (Admission of Fact or of Genuineness of Documents), Rule 218 (Pretrial Procedure) and Rule 219 Committee Comments (Consequences of Refusal to Comply with Rules or Order Relating to Discovery or Pretrial Conferences)

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal to amend the aforementioned provisions to address the scope of electronic discovery, proportionality, limitations on discovery of electronically stored information, production of electronically stored information, and pretrial case management conference to address e-Discovery issues.

The proposals are available on the Supreme Court website at: www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/PublicHearings/Rules/. To obtain hard copies of the proposals by fax or U.S. mail, please contact Adam Brown at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at (312) 793-2305 or adambrown@illinoiscourts.gov.

The Supreme Court Rules Committee invites public comments on the proposals. Written comments should be submitted by **Friday, March 21, 2014**, to jzekich@illinoiscourts.gov or mail to: Committee Secretary, Supreme Court Rules Committee, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

To be scheduled to testify at the public hearing, please send an e-mail or written request to the Rules Committee Secretary, as noted above, by no later than **Friday, March 28, 2014**.