

April 27, 2017

Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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/s/ John G. Roberts

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President, United States Senate  
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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORDERED:

1. That the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure be, and they hereby are, amended by including therein an amendment to Appellate Rule 4.

[*See infra* pp. — — —.]

2. That the foregoing amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure shall take effect on December 1, 2017, and shall govern in all proceedings in appellate cases thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending.

3. That THE CHIEF JUSTICE be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit to the Congress the foregoing amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure in accordance with the provisions of Section 2074 of Title 28, United States Code.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE**

**Rule 4. Appeal as of Right—When Taken**

**(a) Appeal in a Civil Case.**

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**(4) Effect of a Motion on a Notice of Appeal.**

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(B)(i) If a party files a notice of appeal after the court announces or enters a judgment—but before it disposes of any motion listed in Rule 4(a)(4)(A)—the notice becomes effective to appeal a judgment or order, in whole or in part, when the order disposing of the last such remaining motion is entered.

2 FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

- (ii) A party intending to challenge an order disposing of any motion listed in Rule 4(a)(4)(A), or a judgment's alteration or amendment upon such a motion, must file a notice of appeal, or an amended notice of appeal—in compliance with Rule 3(c)—within the time prescribed by this Rule measured from the entry of the order disposing of the last such remaining motion.
- (iii) No additional fee is required to file an amended notice.

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