

**Letter of 171 Law Professors Urging Rejection of Changing Federal Rules to Limit Discovery and Eliminate Forms  
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Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure  
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To the Committee on Rules of Practices and Procedure:

We, Janet Alexander, Judith Resnik and Stephen C. Yeazell, submit this statement on behalf of ourselves and 168 other law professors, listed below, many of whom have taught courses on civil procedure and about the federal courts. We all urge this Committee to reject the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that would limit the scope of discovery, provide more restrictive presumptive discovery limits, and eliminate Rule 84 and the pleading forms. We support the "Joint Comments by Professors Helen Hershkoff, Lonny Hoffman, Alexander A. Reinert, Elizabeth M. Schneider, David L. Shapiro, and Adam N. Steinman on Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure."

Our concerns with these proposed amendments are informed by our teaching and writing, as well as—for many of us—our experiences litigating in federal courts. We urge you to reject these changes, which we are concerned would increase litigation costs and hinder access to the courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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