

# Comment from Lee Kaplan, NA

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As a trial lawyer with over 35 years' experience in both federal and state courts, I support the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Although I personally believe that one aspect of the amendments unnecessarily complicates the steps to obtaining sanctions for discovery misconduct, in general the amendments are commonsense recommendations that will speed up the litigation process. The inevitable result of shortening the time from filing to resolution is to lessen the expense of litigation. In our world economy, mitigating litigation expense is a key factor in maintaining the competitiveness of U.S. companies, whether they are in the ranks of the Fortune 50 or in the ranks of small proprietorships.