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Complete Revision of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

On December 1, 2002 all of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure were amended to reflect both stylistic and substantive changes proposed by the Supreme Court of the United States. The amendments mark the culmination of a three-year project to “re-style” the rules in order to modernize and reorganize the rules and to make them internally consistent in format and style. Not since 1946 — when the rules were first promulgated — has there been such a significant change in their structure, format, and substance.

Substantive changes were made to Rules 5, 5.1, 6, 10, 12.2, 30, 35, 41, and 43 and new Rule 12.4 (Disclosure Statement) was added. As a result, all five volumes of Moore’s Federal Practice (Volumes 24-28) have been completely revised and updated. The analysis upon which you have come to rely, has been expanded and includes new cases and detailed interpretations of the revised rules.

Each volume contains a special alert that includes a comparison chart of the revised 2002 rules with a reference to the old rules. This chart will aid you in finding any rule sections that have been moved, deleted, or otherwise revised.

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