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Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26 and 35

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Definition

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedures refer to rules that govern the conduct of civil actions brought about in federal district courts. They do not apply to suits raised in state courts, though many states have created rules based closely on the provisions listed in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (2006). The rules contain 13 different sections including (1) scope of rules; (2) commencement of action, service of process, pleadings, motions, and orders; (3) pleadings and motions; (4) parties; (5) depositions and

discovery; (6) trials; (7) judgment; (8) provisional and final remedies; (9) special proceedings; (10) district courts and clerks; (11) general provisions, (12) appendix of forms; and (13) supplemental rules for certain admiralty and maritime claims.

Cross-References

- [Federal Rules of Criminal Procedures](#)
- [Federal Rules of Evidence](#)

References and Readings

- A complete copy of the “Federal Rules of Civil Procedures (2006)” is available online at: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/>
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