

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES

On June 27, 2013, the court posted notice on its website advising of proposed amendments to its rules and inviting public comment on the proposed amendments by July 31, 2013. In response to this invitation, comments were submitted by the United States Department of Justice's Civil Division and ForTheRecord, a private information technology company. The court has considered the comments and on the basis thereof has decided to adopt the suggestion offered by the Department of Justice to amend paragraph (a) ("In General") of Rule 80.1 ("Court Reporters") to clarify that "either a party or the court" may request that recorded trial proceedings be transcribed by a court reporter provided by the court. The court elected not to adopt the remainder of the proposals noted in the comments.

In addition to the above-noted change, the court has also introduced a number of technical corrections to the rules which are explained below.

**Rule 14(c)** ("Third Parties Pleadings") has been amended by deleting as no longer necessary the final sentence in subparagraph (1)(B) that provided "except that a third party need only file an original and 2 copies of its complaint instead of the 7 copies required by RCFC 5.5(d)."

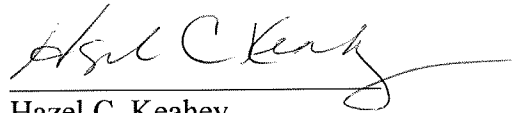
**Rule 80** ("Transcript or Recording as Evidence") has been amended, both its title and text, to reflect the changes adopted in Rule 80.1 allowing a transcript or an electronic sound recording to serve as the official record of a trial proceeding.

**Vaccine Rule 8(c)** ("Conducting an Evidentiary Hearing"), paragraph (3) ("Transcript"), has been amended to reflect the corresponding change adopted in Rule 80.1 (noted above).

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The court genuinely appreciates the comments that were submitted and extends this note of thanks to the individuals who expended time and effort in reviewing the proposed amendments and in offering their thoughts and suggestions. Your help and interest are indeed much valued.

The rules amended by this notice are available on the court's website at <http://www.usfc.uscourts.gov>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hazel C. Keahey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hazel C. Keahey  
Clerk of Court

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