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Committee Secretary  
Supreme Court Rules Committee  
222 N. LaSalle Street 13th floor  
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Proposal 21-06 (P.R.0299)  
October 5, 2022, Public Hearing of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee

Dear Committee Secretary:

The Illinois Defense Counsel (IDC) is an organization of approximately 600 Illinois civil defense attorneys whose mission is to advance the interests of the defense bar by ensuring civil justice with integrity, civility and professional competence.

We write concerning Proposal 21-06 (P.R. 0299) to amend Supreme Court Rule 207 (Signing and Filing Depositions). The IDC favors this proposal as a means of expediting litigation and as a convenience for the litigants and witnesses. Under the current Supreme Court Rule 207, a deponent is allowed to examine and review a transcribed deposition at no charge and the transcript is to be made available to the deponent in person.

Under the current rule, all deponents who reserve signature after a discovery deposition are merely given notice to appear at a “stated place at stated times” to review their deposition transcript. The original rule was generated before the advent of email. The current rule applies to parties to the litigation who have a stake in the litigation as well as non—party witnesses who have no stake in the litigation and may be required to travel to a place (generally the court reporter’s office) to review and approve the transcript. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, more depositions of out-of-state deponents are being taken remotely via video conference. The requirements of the current rule would place an onerous burden on out-of-state deponents who might have to travel to Illinois to review his or her deposition transcript.

The IDC urges the adoption of this change to the rule.

Sincerely,

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