

# RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Adopted January 27, 2003, effective May 1, 2003, as amended to January 19, 2004)

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12.	Review on Certiorari: How Sought; Parties.	1.	The Clerk receives documents for filing with the Court and has authority to reject any submitted filing that does not comply with these Rules.
13.	Review on Certiorari: Time for Petitioning.	2.	The Clerk maintains the Court's records and will not permit any of them to be removed from the Court building except as authorized by the Court. Any document filed with the Clerk and made a part of the Court's records may not thereafter be withdrawn from the official Court files. After the conclusion of proceedings in this Court, original records and documents transmitted to this Court by any other court will be returned to the court from which they were received.
14.	Content of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.	3.	Unless the Court or the Chief Justice orders otherwise, the Clerk's office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on federal legal holidays listed in 5 U.S.C. §6103.
15.	Briefs in Opposition; Reply Briefs; Supplemental Briefs.	<b>Rule 2. Library</b>	
16.	Disposition of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.	1.	The Court's library is available for use by appropriate personnel of this Court, members of the Bar of this Court, Members of Congress and their legal staffs, and attorneys for the United States and for federal departments and agencies.
	PART IV. OTHER JURISDICTION	2.	The library's hours are governed by regulations made by the Librarian with the approval of the Chief Justice or the Court.
17.	Procedure in an Original Action.	3.	Library books may not be removed from the Court building, except by a Justice or a member of a Justice's staff.
18.	Appeal from a United States District Court.	<b>Rule 3. Term</b>	
19.	Procedure on a Certified Question.		The Court holds a continuous annual Term commencing on the first Monday in October and ending on the day before the first Monday in October of the following year. See 28 U.S.C. §2. At the end of each Term, all cases pending on the docket are continued to the next Term.
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