

1.4.02 | FEDERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

The federal rules of procedure require filers to redact any of the following personal data identifiers (PDIs) if included in court filings:

- (1) social security and tax ID numbers must be limited to last four digits;
- (2) minor children must be identified by their initials only;
- (3) dates of birth must show the year only;
- (4) financial account numbers must be limited to the last four digits only; and
- (5) home addresses in criminal cases must be limited to city and state only.

The federal rules establish limited exceptions to these redaction requirements. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(5); Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2; Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037.

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