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The amendment to Civil Rule 12(a) will become effective absent Congressional action on December 1, 2024. The change clarifies that a federal statute specifying a time for serving a responsive pleading supersedes the response times otherwise set by any subpart of Civil Rule 12(a). Bankruptcy Rule 7012 does not adopt by reference subsection (a) of Civil Rule 12. The Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee should consider the desirability of proposing a like change to Bankruptcy Rule 7012(a) by grafting the exception language into that rule.

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