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## **Rule 7. Jurisdiction; Effect Of Counterclaim, Cross-Claim, Or Third-Party Claim; Transfer.**

(a) *Subject Matter Jurisdiction.* The civil jurisdiction of district courts is set out in Administrative Order Number 18.

(b) *Plaintiff's Claim Exceeds Jurisdictional Amount.* If the plaintiff's claim is in an amount that exceeds the court's jurisdictional limit, the court, upon its own motion or upon motion of either party, shall dismiss the claim for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

(c) *Compulsory Counterclaim or Set-off.* If a compulsory counterclaim or a set-off involves an amount that would cause the court to lose jurisdiction of the case, the court, upon its own motion or upon motion of either party, shall transfer the entire case to circuit court for determination therein as if the case had been appealed.

(d) *Permissive Counterclaim, Cross-Claim, or Third-Party Claim.* If a permissive counterclaim, a cross-claim, or a third-party claim involves an amount that would otherwise cause the court to lose jurisdiction of the case, the court shall disregard such counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim and proceed to determine the claim of the plaintiff.

### **History Text:**

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### **Associated Court Rules:**

District Court Rules

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