Criminal Cases: Pleas

If the parties resolve a case by plea agreement under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, the parties must submit a signed plea agreement to chambers on or before the plea cutoff date.

At the plea hearing, the Court expects Defendants to orally describe the factual basis for their plea. This can be done by spontaneous statement, *voir dire* by defense counsel, reading the factual background contained in the Rule 11 agreement, or any other method preferred by the Defendant. Defense counsel should confer with the government on Defendant's method of choice and advise the court in advance of the hearing.