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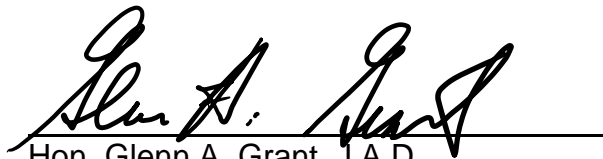
CIVIL PRACTICE – NEW RULE ON MOTIONS IN LIMINE (RULE 4:25-8) **– EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

The Supreme Court in its July 31, 2020 [Omnibus Rule Amendment Order](#) adopted new Rule 4:25-8 (“Motions in Limine”), as recommended by the Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee in its 2018-2020 report. The new rule is effective September 1, 2020.

A primary purpose of new Rule 4:25-8 is to avoid the late filing of motions *in limine* on the eve of trial, which is accomplished by reinforcing the requirement that any such motions be part of the pretrial information exchange. The new rule also is intended to promote and maintain consistency of practice and encourage prompt resolution of questions of admissibility.

New Rule 4:25-8 defines a motion *in limine*; codifies and makes mandatory the current practice of including motions *in limine* as part of the pretrial exchange of information under Rule 4:25-7(b); requires that each motion embrace only one issue (to the extent possible); and limits briefs to five pages per single-issue motion, with a collective page limit of 50 pages per party. The trial court can reconsider or modify any prior *in limine* ruling on its own or at the request of a party based on later developments at trial. Parties still may seek the admission or rejection of evidence at trial, notwithstanding any failure to seek an earlier *in limine* ruling.

Questions regarding new Rule 4:25-8 or other Court Rules governing civil practice should be directed to the Civil Practice Division by email at civilwebsites.mbx@njcourts.gov or by phone at (609) 815-2900, ext. 54900.



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