

NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT ACTION ON 2024-2026 CIVIL PRACTICE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CIVIL RULES AND APPENDICES

This notice sets forth the Supreme Court's actions on the Civil Practice Committee's recommendations for amendments to various Civil Court Rules and Appendices as contained in the Committee's 2024-2026 Report. The Court made its determinations after publication of the report for comment, conducting a public hearing, and considering the comments submitted in writing and at the hearing.

The amendments approved by the Court are contained in the [2026 Omnibus Rule Amendment Order](#), issued July 23, 2026, with the amendments to become effective September 1, 2026. A list of all of the rules and appendices amended is included as part of the order. This notice highlights some of those amendments pertaining to Civil practice.

Oral Argument on Motions for Reconsideration

The Court amended Rule 1:6-2(d) to provide that a request for oral argument on a motion for reconsideration in the Civil and Family Divisions shall be granted at the court's discretion rather than as of right.

Court Rules on Publication

The Court amended provisions related to service of process by publication in Rules 4:4-4(a)(9); 4:4-5(a)(3); 4:56-2; 4:64-7(b); 4:69-6(b)(3); 4:73-3(b); 4:80-6; 4:90-3; and 4:93-2 to address the decline and/or elimination of print newspapers.

Nonparty Discovery

The Court amended Rule 4:10-2(g) to state that limitations on the frequency or extent of discovery apply not only to parties but also to nonparties served with discovery demands.

Warrant of Satisfaction

The Court amended Rule 4:48-1 to incorporate language from the Court's opinion in Brehme v. Irwin, 259 N.J. 505 (2025), and set forth the circumstances

under which a party may appeal after acceptance of a final judgment and execution a warrant of satisfaction.

Adult Guardianship

The Court amended several sections of Rule 4:86 to codify developments in procedure and clarify processes in actions for guardianship of an incapacitated adult:

- *Guardianship Procedures*: The Court amended Rules 4:86-1, -2, -4, -6, -7, and -10 to address various procedures for appointing guardians of individuals who are eighteen years of age or older and alleged to be incapacitated.
- *Fiduciary Roles and Responsibilities*: The Court amended Rules 4:86-2 and -4 to clarify the roles and responsibilities of different types of fiduciaries in guardianship proceedings, such as *pendente lite* temporary guardians, counsel for alleged incapacitated person, and guardians ad litem.
- *Transfers of Guardianship*: The Court added new paragraphs (e) and (f) to Rule 4:86-7 to set forth procedures for transfers of guardianships from New Jersey to another state and from another state to New Jersey.

Special Civil Part

The Committee's report contained a number of recommendations relating to the Special Civil Part. Those Part VI Rules remain under consideration on a separate timetable.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the AOC Civil Practice Division at (609) 815-2900 x 54900.

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