

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Tuesday the 1st day of March, 2016.

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect be and they hereby are amended to become effective immediately.

Amend Rule 8:7 to read as follows:

Rule 8:7. Format for Filing.

(a) Except as provided in Rule 8:8(F), Rule 8:8A, and Rule 1:17 pertaining to Electronically Filed Cases,

(1) All pleadings, motions, briefs and all other documents filed in any clerk's office in any proceeding pursuant to the Rules or statutes shall be 8-1/2 by 11 inches in size. All typed material shall be double spaced except for quotations.

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this Rule shall not apply to tables, charts, plats, photographs, and other material that cannot be reasonably reproduced on paper of that size.

(b) No paper shall be refused for failure to comply with the provisions of this Rule, but the clerk or judge may require that the paper be redone in compliance with this Rule and substituted for the paper initially filed. Counsel shall certify that the substituted paper is identical in content to the paper initially filed.

Add Rule 8:8A to read as follows:

Rule 8.8A. Filing Documents Electronically.

(a) Upon consultation with the Committee on District Courts, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court may authorize a state agency to file electronically any pleadings, motions, briefs and any other documents in the juvenile and domestic relations district courts, except where otherwise expressly provided by statute or the Rules of Court, or where the court orders otherwise in an individual case for good cause shown.

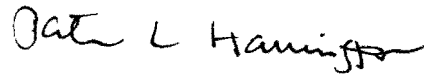
(b) The definitions set forth in Rule 1:17(b) shall be applicable, with the exception of the definition for “Electronically Filed Case.”

(c) Where applicable, the system operational standards for any electronic system developed to enable a state agency to file documents electronically pursuant to this Rule shall be in accordance with Rule 1:17(c).

(d) With respect to a person’s signature on a document, or where a document is to be notarized, sworn, attested, verified or otherwise certified or if any sworn signatures, stamps, seals or other authentications relating to the document are required by any statute or Rule, the provisions of Rule 1:17(e)(5) and (6) shall be applicable.

A Copy,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oath L. Hamings". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "O" and a long, sweeping underline.

Clerk