

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ORDER

R-2019-0001, In re February 8, 2019 Report of the Advisory Committee on Rules

The New Hampshire Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules (committee) has reported a number of proposed rule amendments to the New Hampshire Supreme Court with a recommendation that they be adopted. On or before **March 28, 2019**, members of the bench, bar, legislature, executive branch or public may file with the clerk of the supreme court comments on any of the proposed rule amendments. An original and one copy of all comments shall be filed. Comments may also be emailed to the court at:

rulescomment@courts.state.nh.us

To see the language of the proposed rules changes and background regarding the proposals, please see the February 8, 2019 Advisory Committee on Rules Report, which is available at courts.state.nh.us/committees/adviscommrules/reports/index.htm. Copies of the February 8, 2019 Advisory Committee on Rules Report are also available upon request to the clerk of the supreme court at the N.H. Supreme Court Building, 1 Charles Doe Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 (Tel. 603-271-2646).

The current rules of the New Hampshire state courts are available on the Internet at www.courts.state.nh.us/rules/index.htm.

The Court requests comment on the recommendations made in the following sections of the Advisory Committee on Rules Report:

I. Supreme Court Rules – Gender Neutral Language.

2018-009. This proposed amendment would make the Supreme Court rules gender neutral.

The language of the proposed rule changes is set forth in Appendices A-Q of the February 8, 2019 Advisory Committee on Rules Report.

III. Supreme Court Rule 36. Appearances in Courts By Eligible Law Students and Graduates.

2018-004. This proposed amendment to Supreme Court Rule 36 would allow students who have completed the 9 hour training program for the DOVE project to start supervised practice right away, rather than wait until the end of the spring semester of their second year.

The language of the proposed rule change is set forth in Appendix T of the February 8, 2019 Advisory Committee on Rules Report.

IV. Rule of Professional Conduct 6.5. Nonprofit and Court-Annexed Legal Services Programs.

2018-008. The Committee recommends that the Court adopt on a permanent basis a comment it had adopted on a temporary basis.

The language of the proposed rule change is set forth in Appendix U of the February 8, 2019 Advisory Committee on Rules Report.

The Committee has not recommended that the Court adopt the proposed rule amendment set forth in Section II (“Type-Volume Limitations for Supreme Court Briefs”) of the February 8 Report. The Court is therefore not requesting comment on that proposal.

The Committee has recommended that the Court adopt the proposed rule amendment set forth in Section V (“Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4. Harassment and Discrimination”) of the February 8 Report. However, the Committee has also recommended that the Court hold a hearing before the full Court on the proposal. The Court will do so. The notice scheduling the public hearing, issued today, also invites members of the public, the bench and the bar to submit written comments on the proposal.

Date: February 11, 2019

ATTEST:



Eileen Fox, Clerk
Supreme Court of New Hampshire