

Supreme Court

In re Proposed Amendments to Rules 4(f)(1) :
and 4(l); 5(b) and (d); 6(b); 14(a); 15(c); :
26(b); 30(b), (c), (d), and (f); 33(c); 45(a) and :
(b); 58; and 59(a) of the Superior Court Rules :
of Civil Procedure :

ORDER

Pursuant to G. L. 1956 (1997 Reenactment) §8-6-2, the Presiding Justice of the Superior Court has submitted to this Court for its approval proposed amendments to a number of the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure, to wit, Rule 4(f)(1) and 4(l); Rule 5(b) and (d); Rule 6(b); Rule 14(a); Rule 15(c); Rule 26(b); Rule 30(b), (c), (d) and (f); Rule 33(c); Rule 45(a) and (b); Rule 58; and Rule 59(a). These proposed amendments have been approved unanimously by the Justices of the Superior Court. The process that produced them, which began with a request to the Presiding Justice from the Superior Court Bench/Bar Committee, was quite extensive and included the exhaustive effort of a committee organized by the Presiding Justice to examine the rules and recommend appropriate modifications, as well as the considerable effort of the Presiding Justice's *ad hoc* bench/bar committee, which reviewed the recommended modifications and, where it deemed appropriate, revised them before presenting them to the Justices of the Superior Court for approval. After carefully examining the proposed amendments, we are of the opinion that in light of their significance, we should solicit comment thereon from interested members of the Bar before taking any action on them.

Accordingly, the proposed amendments to the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure which presently await our approval are assigned for hearing and comment to ***Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 9:00 a. m.***, and any member of the Bar interested in offering comment thereon may do so at that time. Members intending to participate in the hearing should submit notice of such intention to the Supreme Court Clerk on or before the close of business on ***Tuesday, June 13, 2006***. Written memoranda may also be filed on or before this latter date. Meanwhile, copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection in the Supreme Court Clerk's office.

Entered as an Order of this Court this *1st* day of ***June 2006***.

By Order,

Clerk