

Supreme Court

In re: Provisional Rule 1.6 of the Workers' :
Compensation Court Rules of Practice :
(Service of Petitions) :

ORDER

The Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court has submitted to the Supreme Court for its consideration the attached Provisional Rule 1.6 Regarding Service of Petitions. This Provisional Rule was drafted in accordance with G.L. 1956 (2003 Reenactment) § 28-30-12 and will effectuate the changes enacted by the General Assembly through the passage of 2013 R.I. Pub. Laws chs. 445 and 475, § 3.

The Court hereby approves Provisional Rule 1.6 of the Workers' Compensation Court Rules of Practice, effective October 1, 2013. The Court hereby requires that the Workers' Compensation Court submit a report to this Court, at thirty (30), sixty (60) and ninety (90) days following the effective date of the Provisional Rule which will demonstrate whether there have been delays in the adjudication of cases as a result of the implementation of this Provisional Rule.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 25th day of *September 2013*.

_____/s/_____
Suttell, C.J.

_____/s/_____
Goldberg, J.

_____/s/_____
Flaherty, J.

_____/s/
Robinson, J.

_____/s/
Indeglia, J.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

RULES OF PRACTICE

PROVISIONAL RULE REGARDING SERVICE OF PETITIONS

1.6. SERVICE OF PETITION – Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall issue a notice of pretrial conference to the petitioner or her/his attorney of record stating the name of the judge assigned to hear the matter and the date and time of the pretrial conference. Effective October 1, 2013, in accordance with G.L. 1956 §§ 28-35-14 and 28-35-15, the petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition and a copy of the notice of pretrial conference upon the respondent, the insurance carrier and/or third party administrator, and the agent for service (if applicable), within ten (10) days of filing the petition.

Contemporaneous with the service of the documents referenced above, the petitioner must file with the court an executed certificate of service, utilizing the form promulgated by the court.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Providence, S.C.

Workers' Compensation Court

V.

W.C.C. No.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I mailed a copy of the petition and a copy of the notice of pretrial conference to the entities selected below at the addresses listed on the petition and/or the cover sheet.

- Employee
- Employer
- Insurance Company
- Third Party Administrator
- Employer's Agent For Service

Signature of Attorney

Petitioner's/ Attorney's Name and Registration No.

Address

Telephone