

**Rule 1.           General**

- b. *Purpose, Scope and Applicability:* These rules establish procedures governing the electronic filing of all documents to and from all of the courts within the Rhode Island Judiciary (Judiciary). Upon implementation of electronic filing in each of the courts, electronic filing of all documents shall be mandatory for all parties except for incarcerated individuals or where a waiver is granted in accordance with Rule 3(c) herein. Self-represented litigants and other third parties may electronically file documents in accordance with Rule 3(b) herein but are not required to do so. These rules shall be construed liberally to promote the administration of justice by all of the courts within the Judiciary.