

STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
AMENDMENTS TO  
THE MAINE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

**2012 Me. Rules 11**

Effective: September 1, 2012

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendments to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure are adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendments are stated below. To aid in understanding of the amendments, an Advisory Note appears after the text of each amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 5(i) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to read as follows:

(i) Form of Papers.

(1) Size. All original papers, except transcripts, shall be typed double-spaced or printed on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper with text on only one side of each page.

(2) Condensed Transcripts. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a party serving or filing a transcript of a deposition or other proceeding ~~may elect to shall~~ serve or file a copy of the transcript with ~~up to four~~ 8 1/2 x 11-inch pages ~~or of normal type size reduced so that such pages may be reproduced on a single 8 1/2 x 11-inch sheet, with text on one side~~ both sides of the sheet ~~only, if the reporter or stenographer transcribing the deposition or proceeding has the capacity to produce a transcript in this format.~~

**Advisory Note – July 2012**

Rule 5(i) addresses the service and filing of papers in civil proceedings. This amendment mandates the use of condensed transcripts copied on both sides of the page unless otherwise ordered by the court.

2. Rule 26(f)(1) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to read as follows:

(f) Filing of Discovery.

(1) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, or necessary for use in the proceeding, notices, written questions and transcripts of depositions prepared in accordance with Rule 5(f), interrogatories, requests pursuant to Rules 34 and 36, and answers, objections and responses thereto shall be served upon other parties but shall not be filed with the court. Notification of the method and date on which discovery papers were served on the parties shall be prepared and served on the parties with the discovery papers but shall not be filed with the clerk. The party ~~that~~ who has served notice of a deposition or has otherwise initiated discovery shall be responsible for preserving and ensuring the integrity of original transcripts and discovery papers for a period of two years after final judgment for use by the court or other parties.

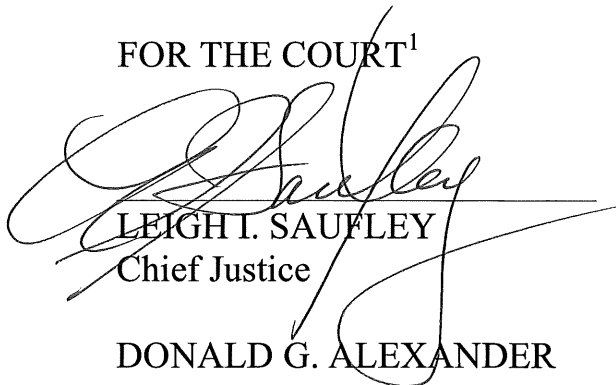
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This change is for the benefit of the clerks' offices and is designed to eliminate unnecessary paper accumulations in the official file. The requirement that notifications including method and date of discovery be served with the discovery documents allows for ease of reference by the parties.

3. These amendments shall be effective September 1, 2012.

Dated: July 12, 2012.

FOR THE COURT<sup>1</sup>

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Leight I. Saufley". The signature is written over the printed name and title of the Chief Justice.

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<sup>1</sup> This Rule Amendment Order is approved after conference of the court, all Justices concurring therein.