



## Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – July 21, 2021

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 3 (Rulemaking Procedures), you are hereby notified that the Supreme Court Rules Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**, beginning at **10:30 a.m.**, in Room C-500 at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, in Chicago. Clerks of court are requested to post a copy of this notice in a conspicuous place.

Due to current room capacity restrictions, in-person attendance at the public hearing will be limited to Rules Committee members and registered speakers only. Members of the public will be able to view the hearing online via link that will be provided on the Rules Committee Public Hearing page of the Supreme Court's website ([www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Public\\_Hearings/Rules/](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Public_Hearings/Rules/)). Should capacity restrictions change prior to the public hearing date allowing in-person attendance by the public, an updated notice will be posted.

The public hearing agenda includes the following items:

**20-01 (P.R. 0280) Amends Supreme Court Rule 13 (Appearances - Time to Plead - Withdrawal);**

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal that would amend Supreme Court Rule 13 and its Committee Comments to make withdrawal by a limited scope attorney from a court matter automatic upon termination of the limited scope representation and the filing of a notice of withdrawal.

**20-03 (P.R. 0282) Amends Supreme Court Rules 13 (Appearances - Time to Plead - Withdrawal), 793 (Requirement for Newly-Admitted Attorneys), and 794 (Continuing Legal Education Requirement);**

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal that would amend Rule 13 to a) streamline the process for withdrawal from a limited scope appearance, b) require the use of standardized forms for entering and withdrawing from a limited scope appearance, and c) clarify the procedures by which a limited scope client can object to an attorney's completion of the limited scope appearance. The proposal would also amend Rule 793 to include access to justice and limited scope representation as suggested topics for inclusion in the basic skills course and amend Rule 794 to include access to justice and limited scope representation as topics eligible for professional responsibility credit.

**20-09 (P.R. 0288) Amends Supreme Court Rules 315 (Leave to Appeal From the Appellate Court to the Supreme Court), 321 (Contents of the Record on Appeal), and 341 (Briefs), and Creates New Rules 322 and 455;**

The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal that would amend 315(b)(1) to clarify the thirty-five-day deadline for filing a PLA after a modified decision upon

denial of rehearing is calculated from the date on which a modified decision was issued. The proposal would also amend Rule 321 and propose new Rules 322 and 455 to create procedures for ensuring that hearing and trial exhibits become part of the record on appeal. The proposal also amends Rule 341 to create a new procedure for citing supplemental authorities by letter.

**21-01 (P.R. 0294) Amends Supreme Court Rules 2 (Construction), 21 (Circuit Court Rules and Filing of Rules; Administrative Authority; General Orders), 88 (Scheduling of Hearings), 90 (Conduct of Hearings), 91 (Absence of Party at Hearing), 93 (Rejection of Award), 99 (Mediation Programs), 100.6 (Scheduling of Hearings), 100.7 (Conduct of the Hearing), 100.8 (Absence of Party at Hearing), 100.10 (Submission of Recommendations to the Court), 113 (Practice and Procedure in Mortgage Foreclosure Cases), 203 (Where Depositions May be Taken), 206 (Method of Taking Depositions on Oral Examination), 207 (Signing and Filing Depositions), 209 (Failure to Attend or Serve Subpoena; Expenses), 217 (Depositions for the Purpose of Perpetuating Testimony), 218 ( Pretrial Practice), 237 (Compelling Appearances of Witnesses at Trial), 277 (Supplementary Proceeding), 551 (Traffic and Conservation Offenses for Which a Court Appearance is Required), 901 (General Rules), 905 (Mediation), and 942 (Court Family Conferences);** The Rules Committee seeks comments on a proposal that would amend various Supreme Court Rules to further facilitate and specifically authorize the use of remote appearances in civil proceedings.

All proposals are available on the Supreme Court's website at: [www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Public\\_Hearings/Rules/](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Public_Hearings/Rules/).

The Supreme Court Rules Committee invites public comments on the proposals. Written comments should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, July 7, 2021**, to [RulesCommittee@illinoiscourts.gov](mailto:RulesCommittee@illinoiscourts.gov) or via mail to: Committee Secretary, Supreme Court Rules Committee, 222 N. LaSalle Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: All written comments submitted will also be published and accessible on the Supreme Court's website.\*\*\***

To be scheduled to testify at the public hearing, please register by sending an e-mail to the Rules Committee Secretary, as noted above, no later than **Wednesday, July 14, 2021**.