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Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules

Monday, June 22, 2026

State House Room 10 and Zoom

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.

Hon. Kathryn Kennedy, Probate Judge, Chair, Advisory Committee on Rules of Probate Procedure, Vermont Supreme Court; Hon. Judge Joanne Ertel (Ret.), Reporter, Advisory Committee on Rules of Probate Procedure, Vermont Supreme Court.

1. Promulgated Rule (proposed September 2, 2025; reviewed by LCJR December 12, 2025; promulgated January 6, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

V.R.P.P. 4(d)–(h). Providing for notice of commencement of probate proceedings by restricted mail rather than certified mail to enable service by commercial carriers, and expanding methods for providing notice when restricted mail is not effective.

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2. Promulgated Rule (proposed October 7, 2025; reviewed by LCJR December 12, 2025; promulgated March 2, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

V.R.P.P. 13. Reorganizing the rule regarding the statutory election rights and allowances available to a surviving spouse and minor children in order to make it consistent with statutory amendments.

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3. Promulgated Rule (proposed December 4, 2025; promulgated March 2, 2026; effective July 1, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.P.P. 60. Replacing the word “served” with the word “filed” to clarify that the time deadline applies to filing with the court.

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10:15 a.m.

Hon. John Dooley (Ret.), Chair, Advisory Committee on the Rules for Electronic Filing, Vermont Supreme Court; Emily Wetherell, Esq., Deputy Clerk, Vermont Supreme Court.

4. Promulgated Rule (emergency rule promulgated October 6, 2025, and effective immediately; reviewed by LCJR December 12, 2025; promulgated January 6, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

Vermont Rule for Electronic Filing 5(d)(1). Providing for new civil complaints to be reviewed for confidential information before becoming publicly available, and implementing an expedited process for limited pre-access review, pursuant to *Courthouse News Serv. v. Corsones*, 131 F.4th 59 (2d Cir. 2025).

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5. Promulgated Rule (proposed August 5, 2025; reviewed by LCJR December 12, 2025; promulgated February 10, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing 1, 2(h), 3, 5(d), and 6(c). Authorizing the Court Administrator to implement e-filing for hearing panels of the Professional Responsibility Board, which oversees the conduct of attorneys in Vermont.

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6. Promulgated Rule (proposed October 7, 2025; reviewed by LCJR December 12, 2025; promulgated January 6, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

Vermont Rule for Electronic Filing 11(f). Conforming rule to practice by providing that the court will transmit notices and orders to all parties, and that the method of transmission may vary.

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7. Proposed Rule (proposed April 7, 2026; comments due June 7, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

Vermont Rule for Electronic Filing 7(a)(7); V.R.A.P. 32(a)(1)(E). Updating formatting requirements for electronic documents regarding internal links and embedded hyperlinks.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSEDVREF7a7andVRAP32a1EFORCOMMENT>

10:30 a.m.

Hon. Dickson Corbett, Superior Judge, Chair, Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, Vermont Supreme Court; Aliza Harrigan, Esq., Reporter, Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, Vermont Supreme Court.

8. Promulgated Rule (proposed October 29, 2025; reviewed by LCJR

December 12, 2025; promulgated February 10, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

V.R.E. 615. Providing that a court issuing a sequestration order may also prohibit excluded witnesses from learning about, obtaining, or being provided with trial testimony.

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10:40 a.m.

Bridget Asay, Esq., Chair, Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure, Vermont Supreme Court.

9. Proposed Rule (proposed February 13, 2026; comments due April 13, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.C.P. 80.12 and amending V.R.C.P. 81(a). Establishing procedural rules for post-conviction relief (PCR) proceedings based on the governing PCR statutes in 13 V.S.A. §§ 7131–7137, and updating a cross-reference to reflect the new rule.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSED-VRCP8012andVRCP81a-FORCOMMENT>

10. Proposed Rule (proposed February 13, 2026; comments due April 13, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

Vermont Rule for Environmental Court Proceedings 5. Requiring parties to file the statement of questions simultaneously with the filing and serving of the notice of appeal or cross appeal.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSED-VRECP5-FORCOMMENT>

11. Proposed Rule (proposed April 7, 2026; comments due June 7, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.C.P. 79(a). Clarifying the date that an order is entered on the civil docket when the order is requested outside of regular court hours.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSEDVRCP79aFORCOMMENT>

12. Proposed Rule (proposed April 7, 2026; comments due June 7, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.C.P. 55(a). Requiring a party to provide the legal basis for service outside the State when the party moves for default judgment.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSEDVRCP55aFORCOMMENT>

11:10 a.m.

Hon. Amy Davenport (Ret.), Reporter, Advisory Committee on Rules for Family Proceedings, Vermont Supreme Court.

13. Proposed Rule (proposed February 13, 2026; comments due April 13, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.F.P. 2(d). Requiring parties in CHINS and TPR proceedings to provide notice of their intent to call a minor child as a fact witness under oath, and permitting the court to order special arrangements for the child's testimony in appropriate circumstances.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSED-VRFP2d-FORCOMMENT>

14. Proposed Rule (proposed February 13, 2026; comments due April 13, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.F.P. 4.3(b). Clarifying procedures for wage withholding in child support and spousal support matters consistent with applicable statutory procedures in 15 V.S.A. §§ 782 and 783.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/PROPOSED-VRFP43b-FORCOMMENT>

15. Proposed Rule (proposed May 6, 2026; comments due July 6, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.F.P. 9(c). Permitting court to request additional information if the affidavit is insufficient on the request for a temporary order.

<https://www.vtcourts.gov/PROPOSEDVRFP9cFORCOMMENT>

11:35 a.m.

**Hon. John Treadwell, Superior Judge, Chair,
Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules, Vermont Supreme Court;
Professor Shannon Heery, Esq., Reporter, Advisory Committee on Criminal
Rules, Vermont Supreme Court.**

16. Proposed Rule (proposed May 6, 2026; comments due July 6, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.Cr.P. 32.1. Procedures for revocation and modification of probation, including initiation of probation violation proceedings, standards for release on citation, and standards for establishing the violation and revoking probation.

<https://www.vtcourts.gov/PROPOSEDVRCrP321FORCOMMENT>

17. Proposed Rule (proposed May 6, 2026; comments due July 6, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.Cr.P. 41.1. Procedures and requirements for nontestimonial identification orders regarding children who are or may be the subject of delinquency proceedings or criminal charges, including changes to make the rule consistent with recent legislative amendments to juvenile and youthful offender statutes.

<https://www.vtcourts.gov/PROPOSEDVRCrP411FORCOMMENT>

18. Proposed Rule (proposed May 6, 2026; comments due July 6, 2026; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

V.R.Cr.P. 49. Updating and making uniform the language in rule establishing requirements for written filings, and clarifying signature requirements for written filings.

<https://www.vtcourts.gov/PROPOSEDVRCrP49FORCOMMENT>

11:50 a.m.

Hon. Timothy Tomasi, Superior Judge, Chair, Vermont Rules for Public Access to Court Records, Vermont Supreme Court; Petra Halsema, Esq., Reporter, Vermont Rules for Public Access to Court Records, Vermont Supreme Court.

19. Promulgated Rule (proposed October 7, 2025; reviewed by LCJR December 12, 2025; promulgated February 10, 2026; effective July 1, 2026).

V.R.P.A.C.R. 6(b)(18) and (19). Providing that documents filed in connection with inquest proceedings and records of requests for nontestimonial identification orders are not publicly accessible.

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11:55 a.m.

Teri Corsones, Esq., Court Administrator, Vermont Supreme Court.

20. Promulgated Rule (promulgated June 11, 2026; effective immediately; not yet reviewed by LCJR).

Vermont Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 18, § 4(10). Amending Chief Superior Judge duties to include reviewing and approving any procedures and standards established by the Presiding Judge of each unit regarding release pending appearance of persons arrested with or without a warrant.

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12:00 noon Adjourn

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