

Delaware Supreme Court Amends Delaware Supreme Court Rules 10.2, 13, 14, 15, 26, 26.1, Adds Official Form R, and Amends Internal Operating Procedure XVIII

By an order dated August 19, 2016 and effective October 3, 2016, the Delaware Supreme Court has amended Rules 10.2, 13, 14, and 15, added Official Form R, and amended Internal Operating Procedure XVIII to incorporate a word count for briefs of parties represented by counsel or unrepresented parties with access to a word processing program. The recommendation to change to a word count for briefs came from the Delaware State Bar Association/American College of Trial Lawyers survey results. The Supreme Court Rules Committee studied the recommendation and approved the rule changes.

In addition to the changes related to word count, the amendments increase the font size for footnotes, eliminate unnecessary filing requirements, and make other minor revisions. The Delaware Supreme Court has also amended Rules 26 and 26.1 to add a page limit for the points submitted by defendants and respondents whose attorneys move to withdraw on appeal.

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