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**COURT OF CHANCERY ANNOUNCES
AMENDMENTS TO RULE 3 AND RULE 171**

The Court of Chancery has today posted on its website an Amendment to Court of Chancery Rule 3 and an Amendment to Court of Chancery Rule 171. The amendment to Rule 3 increases certain guardianship fees but eliminates related fees in connection with these petitions. The changes will not alter the net cost for litigants, but will result in one payment being due at the beginning of the process instead of requiring litigants to make several payments over the course of the pendency of their petitions. The amendment also establishes costs for guardianships transferred to and from Delaware under the Uniform Guardianship Act and sets costs for proceedings not formerly provided for in the Rule, such as petition to increase a monthly allowance and proof of compliance. To close gaps that previously existed, the amendment to Rule 3 now requires that all applications for expedited treatment be accompanied by a motion to expedite and, finally, fees will be charged for all proceedings involving a judicial officer, whether held by telephone or in person, in chambers or in a courtroom. The Court has revised the Supplemental Information Sheet to incorporate the changes for the filing of expedited proceedings. The revised Supplemental Information Sheet should be attached to all new case filings.

The amendment to Rule 171 eliminates an outdated requirement to provide the Court with a paper copy of all unpublished decisions cited in a brief, replacing it with an encouragement to lawyers to use their professional judgment and give the Court a compendium of the authorities, published or unpublished, the lawyers believe are crucial to a fair determination of the motion before the Court. This will reduce the environmental burden of unnecessary paper while providing the judges with a more useful record on which to decide cases.

The amendments to Rule 3 and Rule 171 go into effect April 1, 2012.

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