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Subject: Report to RC under Section 1-9C

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Dear Justice McDonald and Judges,

As part of the many emergency changes to the Superior Court Rules enacted by the Rules Committee and adopted by the Judges under Section 1-9B, the requirements and deadlines in the various non-criminal matters identified in the attached chart were suspended. Effective March 1, 2021, the suspension of those requirements and deadlines in those rules was removed by orders issued by Judges Abrams and Conway (CAJ Civil and CAJ Juvenile, respectively) under New Section 1-9C of the Practice Book.

Section 1-9C, adopted by the judges in June and effective until no later than the duration of the declared emergencies (now April 19, 2021), provides that:

The Chief Administrative Judge of each division, in consultation with the appropriate Presiding Judge of each Judicial District, if possible, and subject to the approval of the Chief Court Administrator, shall have the authority to adjust or suspend any time or location requirement in the Practice Book. Any such adjustment or suspension, as approved by the Chief Court Administrator, shall be effective immediately upon the issuance of an order by said Chief Administrative Judge; provided, however that (1) any such adjustment or suspension shall be reported to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court and (2) the Rules Committee may, on a prospective basis only, reject any such adjustment or suspension. Absent such rejection, any adjustment or suspension made hereunder shall be effective until further notice.

(emphasis added).

By this memorandum, I am providing notice to the Rules Committee of the action undertaken pursuant to Section 1-9C to take whatever action the Committee deems appropriate.

Thank you.

-Joe

Removal of the Suspension of Requirements and Deadlines in Non-Criminal Matters

Pursuant to Practice Book Section 1-9C, in consultation with the appropriate Presiding Judge of each Judicial District and with the approval of the Chief Court Administrator, the suspension of the requirements and deadlines in those sections of the Practice Book identified in the attached chart, enacted by the judges on June 26, 2020, to be effective from March 24, 2020, and concerning non-criminal matters is removed, effective on March 1, 2021, until further notice.

Hon. James W. Abrams

Chief Administrative Judge, Civil Matters

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Hon. Bernadette Conway

Chief Administrative Judge, Juvenile Matters

Suspension of the following Practice Book Provisions will be Removed Effective March 1, 2021

Section	Sec. Title	Brief Summary
Sec. 4-5 (b)	Notice Required for Ex Parte Temporary Injunctions	Per subsection (b), court shall schedule "expeditious" hearing when temporary injunction granted without notice or hearing, and temporary injunction orders granted without hearing expire 30 days after issuance unless the court holds a hearing and determines it should remain in effect.
Sec. 6-1 (c)	Statement of Decisions; When Required	Subsection (c) concerns appeals from contested pendente lite matters and dismissals under Section 14-3 for lack of diligence and requires parties to file briefs within 20 days of filing the appeal. Judicial authority is required to issue a memorandum of decision within 20 days of briefs being filed.
Sec. 7-4B (d)	Motion to File Record under Seal	Provides that the clerk shall return or destroy a lodged record upon the expiration of the appeal period.
Sec. 7-14	Reports from Adult Probation and Family Division	Addresses the retention of and destruction of reports from the Adult Probation and Family Division. Does not mandate destruction within specific time period.
Sec. 11-14	Short Calendar; Frequency; Time; Lists	Requires short calendar to be held at least once a month.
Sec. 11-19 (a)	Time Limit for Deciding Short Calendar Matters	Subsection (a) sets a 120 day time limit for decisions on short calendar matters. Note that time limitations set in subsection (b) are not suspended.
Sec. 11-20A	Sealing Files or Limiting Disclosure of Documents in Civil Cases	Sealing motions must be placed on short calendar within 15 days of filing.
Sec. 23-20	Review of Civil Contempt	Requires that those held on civil contempt orders be brought to court within 30 days for a hearing.

Sec. 24-15 (a)	Scheduling of Hearings; Continuances
Sec. 31a-1A (a)	Continuances and Advancement
Sec. 34a-1 (c)	Motions, Requests and Amendments
Sec. 34a-5	Continuances and Advancements
Sec. 35a-12 (b), (c), & (e)	Protective Supervision Conditions, Modification and termination
Sec. 35a-14 (c), (f), & (h)	Motions for Review of Permanency Plan

Requires Small Claims hearings to be held between six and 45 days after the answer date.

Subsection (a) contains timeframes for motions for continuances and change of court date and clerk action. Note that (b) is not suspended.

Subsection (c) requires motions objections must have an initial hearing by the judicial authority fifteen days after filing.

Subsection (a) requires that motions for continuances or changes in scheduled court dates must be filed no later than seven days prior to the scheduled date.

Subsections (b), (c), and (e) establish various deadlines related to protective supervision.

Subsections (c), (f) and (h) establish various deadlines related to reviews of permanency plans. Note that the deadlines set out in subsection (a) are not suspended.