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TO: Members of the Vermont Bar

FROM: Robert Greemore, Court Administrator

RE: (1) July 1, 2010 Effective Date: Surcharges to Fees  
(2) New Unified Court Forms

DATE: June 24, 2010

Act 154 [an act relating to the restructuring of the judiciary] creates a new Superior Court to replace the current District, Family, Superior, Probate, and Environmental courts. The new Superior Court of Vermont will have the following divisions: criminal, civil, probate, family, and environmental. The effective date for the criminal, civil, family, and environmental divisions is July 1, 2010. The effective date for the probate division is February 1, 2011.

Section 204a of Act 154 also adds a 5% surcharge to all fees paid under Title 32 V.S.A. § 1431 and Title 32 V.S.A. § 1434 [EXCEPT for fees paid with respect to adoptions under subdivision 1434(13)]. [SURCHARGES GO INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2010.](#) You can review a chart showing the fees and the corresponding surcharges by clicking on this link: [July 1, 2010 Surcharge Fees](#)

The Administrative Judge for Trial Courts and I have approved standardized headings for documents filed in the new Superior Court including form documents available at the Judiciary web site and form orders. Below are samples of standard headings for court documents filed in the Civil, Criminal, Family and Environmental Divisions of the Superior Court.





