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TO: Members of the Vermont Bar
FROM: Robert Greemore, Court Administrator
RE: Emergency Promulgated Rule Amendments and
Board of Bar Examiners Memo on the Clerkship Requirement Promulgated Rule
Amendments
DATE: July 2, 2010

For your information, I enclose the following:

**I. EMERGENCY RULE AMENDMENTS RECENTLY PROMULGATED BY
THE VERMONT SUPREME COURT**

**a. Emergency Repeal of Administrative Order No. 30 dealing with the
location of the family court.**

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our
website at:

<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/Promulgated%20EmergencyRepealAO30.pdf>

**b. Emergency Repeal of Administrative Order No. 2 dealing with the
organization of the former District Court.**

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our
website at:

<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedAdministrativeOrder2.pdf>

**c. Emergency Amendment to Administrative Order No. 12 pertaining to the
rule establishing units of the Superior Court.**

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our
website at:

<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedAmendmentsAdministrativeOrder12.pdf>

d. Emergency Amendment to Administrative Order No. 13 dealing with the division of the district, superior and family courts into geographic divisions and the assignment of judges to those divisions.

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our website at:

<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedEmergencyAmendmenttoAO13.pdf>

e. Emergency Amendments to Administrative Order No. 14 pertaining to appellate and administrative responsibilities of the Supreme Court

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our website at:

<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedEmergencyAdmendmentsAO14.pdf>

f. Emergency Amendments to Administrative Order No. 18 relating to the restructuring of the judiciary.

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our website at:

<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedEmergencyAmendmentAO18.pdf>

g. Emergency Order Promulgating Amendment to Rule 7(2) of the Rules of Supreme Court for Disciplinary Control of Judges extending the rule until November 1, 2010.

This emergency amendment became effective on July 1, 2010 and can be found on our website at:

[http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedEmergencyOrderAmendmentRule%207\(2\).pdf](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/PromulgatedEmergencyOrderAmendmentRule%207(2).pdf)

**II. MEMO FROM THE BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS
Regarding the Three-Month Clerkship Requirement**

Dear Colleagues,

The Board of Bar Examiners is considering whether the current three-month clerkship requirement for admission to the Vermont Bar continues to serve a valuable function in the admission process, and is gathering information and opinions concerning this matter. Please note that this review does not concern the four year law office study program which substitutes for law school, but the three month clerkship required of every Vermont attorney before admission to the bar.

If you would like to share your experiences or opinions, we hope that you will respond to this e-mail with any comments you have about the clerkship requirement, and we would be particularly interested in hearing your views on the following:

Did you find your clerkship worthwhile? Have you supervised law clerks, and if so, how did you find the experience? Do you think the clerkship requirement, in its present form, benefits new attorneys in Vermont and/or their clients, and if so, why? Do you think the requirement should be abolished? If not, what changes would you suggest be made to the requirement, if any? Should it be limited to attorneys who have not practiced elsewhere? Should it be made more structured, and if so, in what way? Would you be willing to participate in a clearinghouse which would match attorneys who are willing to supervise law clerks, and law clerks seeking to fulfill their clerkship requirement?

Please respond by August 2 to JUD-AttyLicensing@state.vt.us

Thank you very much for your time.

III. REMINDER TO REDACT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The Supreme Court is concerned with protecting the privacy of social security numbers of persons involved in court proceedings.

In 2001, the Court promulgated procedural rules requiring attorneys and self-represented litigants to redact the social security number from any paper before filing it with the trial court unless the SSN was specifically requested by the trial court. See V.R.C.P. 5(g); V.R.Cr.P. 49(c).

The Supreme Court has asked the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure to propose a procedural rule that social security numbers be redacted from all papers filed with the Supreme Court prior to filing.

Pending promulgation of such a rule, the Court at this time requests that the social security number be redacted from any paper filed with the Supreme Court, and in particular the Court requests that the SSN be redacted from all papers in the printed case, even if the SSN was requested by the trial court and was included on the paper filed with the trial court.

IV. OTHER REMINDERS

Attorneys are reminded of their obligation under A.O. 41 to keep this office informed of their current mailing and email addresses.

You may send changes to JUD-AttyLicensing@state.vt.us. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.