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TO: Members of the Vermont Bar
FROM: Robert Greemore, Court Administrator
RE: Promulgated Rule Amendments & Volunteer Committee Form
DATE: December 1, 2009

For your information, I enclose the following:

I. RULE AMENDMENTS RECENTLY PROMULGATED BY THE VERMONT SUPREME COURT

Amendments to the Rules of Admission to the Bar of the Vermont Supreme Court.

These amendments eliminate raw scores as a referenced standard for reporting grades on essay examinations; eliminate automatic bar exam eligibility for those applicants who have practiced law in another jurisdiction for less than five years; eliminate certain requirements for applicants seeking admission to the Vermont Bar; and update criteria for appearance by interns in court.

These amendments, promulgated on November 17, 2009, and effective on January 18, 2010, can be found on our website at:

http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/LC/Statutes%20and%20Rules/Promulgated_RulesofAdmission67b9g9h1213a313b2B13b3Band13b4C.pdf

II. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

If you have any interest in serving on Boards and Committees of the Vermont Supreme Court, complete a [Committee Volunteer Form](#) and return it by **December 24, 2009** to:

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A summary of each Committee and Board is included on the Form.

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.