

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
APRIL TERM, 2006**

Administrative Order No. 31

RULES FOR NONCONTESTED DIVORCES

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 37, of the Vermont Constitution and 12 V.S.A. § 1, it is hereby ordered:

1. That Administrative Order No. 31, Rules for Noncontested Divorces, is hereby rescinded.

Reporter's Notes—2006 Amendment

Administrative Order No. 31 is rescinded in its entirety. The family rules were amended in 2004 to incorporate the procedures of Administrative Order No. 31. A.O. 31 was adopted in 1991 to provide a procedure for judgment without hearing on stipulation in an uncontested divorce case. Initially adopted as an experimental rule for Washington and Chittenden counties, the order was made permanent and extended to all counties in 1996. The continued use of the procedure demonstrated its utility, and it was converted to a rule in 2004.

2. That the rescission of this administrative order is promulgated to become effective immediately. Reporter's Notes are advisory.

3. The Court finds that this order must be promulgated without resort to the notice and comment procedures set forth in Administrative Order No. 11 in order to conform with recent amendments to the family court rules.

4. That the Chief Justice is authorized to report this amendment to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 1, as amended.

Dated in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont, this 13th day of April, 2006.

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

John A. Dooley, Associate Justice

Denise R. Johnson, Associate Justice

Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice

Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice