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TO: Members of the Vermont Bar
FROM: Lee Suskin, Court Administrator
RE: Promulgated Rule Amendments
DATE: January 22, 2008

For your information, I enclose the following:

I. RULE AMENDMENTS RECENTLY PROMULGATED BY THE VERMONT SUPREME COURT

a. Order promulgating amendments to the Vermont Rules of Family Procedure

V.R.F.P. 1(f)(3) and 2 (f), Notice to Caregivers, which were promulgated as emergency amendments by order of June 1, effective June 22, 2007, have been made permanent.

V.R.F.P. 3(a), Termination of Parental Rights, is amended to reflect the holding of *In re M.T.*, 2006 VT 114, 180 Vt. 643, 912 A.2d 456 (mem.), relating to notice of a pending hearing for termination of parental rights to the parents of the child.

These amendments promulgated on January 11, 2008, and effective on March 11, 2008, can be found on our website at the following address:

[http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/rules1/vrfp1\(f\)2\(f\)3\(a\).pdf](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/rules1/vrfp1(f)2(f)3(a).pdf)

II. 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.

III. OTHER REMINDERS

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

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