

STATE OF VERMONT
SUPREME COURT

Administrative Order No. 44



Supreme Court
May Term, 2012

REGISTRATION FOR RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, §§ 30, 31, and 37, it is hereby ordered

§ 1. All attorneys licensed to practice law under Administrative Order No. 41, including attorneys admitted pro hac vice under § 13 and nonresident attorneys admitted for a government study license under § 13A of the administrative order, shall register one or more e-mail addresses pursuant to Rule 3 of the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing on or before the effective date of this order. This order does not apply to attorneys who are in inactive status under § 5 of Administrative Order No. 41. Any attorney who, after the effective date of this order, becomes licensed under Administrative Order No. 41 §§ 1, 4, 11, 12, 13 or 13A shall register one or more e-mail addresses pursuant to this order within 24 hours of the receipt of an attorney license number, including the receipt of a reinstated license number held in the past, or before appearance as an attorney in any court proceeding, whichever is earlier. Registration under this order is a condition of attorney licensing and affirmation of registration shall be made on each licensing statement pursuant to § 1 of Administrative Order No. 41.

§ 2. The Court Administrator shall notify each licensed attorney of the effective date of this order by e-mail at the address specified in compliance with § 7 of Administrative Order No. 41. The Court Administrator shall also use other available methods, including the Judiciary website, for publicizing this date.

Reporter's Notes

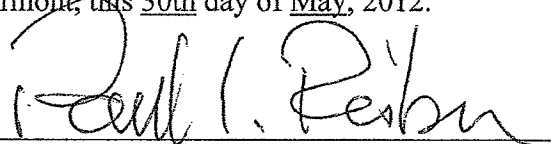
Administrative Order No. 44 is adopted to facilitate the simultaneous adoption of Administrative Order No. 45, which allows the Court Administrator to direct clerks of a unit or division to send e-mail notice of court actions to lawyers under V.R.C.P. 77(d) and comparable provisions of other rules. See Reporter's Notes to A.O. 45. The purpose of the present order is to decouple the requirement of submitting an e-mail address pursuant to A.O. 41 for bar administrative purposes from the requirement that all lawyers required to register as electronic filers under V.R.E.F. 3 submit one or more e-mail addresses to which the court may send required notices under V.R.C.P. 77(d) and similar rules. See Reporter's Notes to simultaneous amendments of V.R.E.F. 3 and V.R.C.P. 77(d). Administrative Order 41, covering the content of the attorney licensing statement, is amended to require certification that the V.R.E.F. 3 addresses have been provided, but still requires an e-mail address to be submitted for bar purposes.

Under § 1 of the order, the attorney must comply with its requirements before its effective date, which the Court Administrator is required to send to each attorney at the e-mail address provided under A.O. 41 and to publicize by other means. Note that although the effective date of this order will ordinarily precede the issuance of specific directives under A.O. 45, § 4 of the latter order allows the Court Administrator to issue a directive in any unit prior to the effective date of A.O. 44 on a finding that all lawyers appearing in cases in that unit have registered.

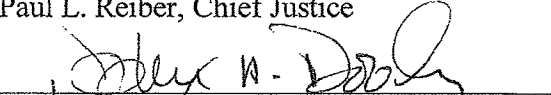
That this order becomes effective on July 30, 2012. The Reporter's Notes are advisory.

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

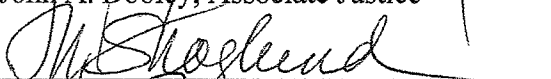
Dated in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of May, 2012.



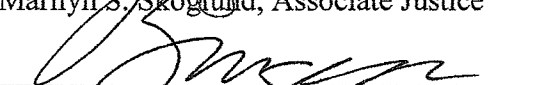
Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



John A. Dooley, Associate Justice



Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice



Beth Robinson, Associate Justice