

**VERMONT SUPREME COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR FAMILY PROCEEDINGS**

**AGENDA FOR MEETING OF
January 26, 2024**

The Family Rules Committee will meet virtually on TEAMS on January 26, 2024, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm to consider the following agenda:

1. Approval of draft minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2023,
2. Status of proposed amendments:
 - a. Draft Amendment to V.R.F.P. 1(i)(2)(B) and (7) related to respectful language: The proposed rule amendment is out for comment. The comment period ends February 12, 2024.
3. Report from Subcommittee on Juvenile Proceedings (Marshall Pahl, Judge Kerry Mc-Donald-Cady, Kristin Gozzi)
 - a. Amendment to V.R.F.P.(1)(b)(1) to provide enforcement of the requirement in the rule to provide race and ethnicity data at the time of filing a delinquency petition. Judge Davenport to report on the work of the Supreme Court’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices as it relates to the collection of race data in delinquency cases.
 - b. V.R.F.P. 1(a)(3): applicability of V.R.Cr.P. 11(c) (8) advice collateral consequences to delinquency cases. The Committee agreed in November that the draft judicial colloquy developed by Judge Carlson and Marshall Pahl should be sent to the Family Oversight Committee. The only question for the Committee is to confirm that it has been sent.
4. Rules related to Special Immigration Status for Vulnerable Non-Citizen Children (SJIS): See 4 V.S.A. §33(18), 4 V.S.A. § 35, 14 V.S.A. § 3098. S.163/Act 98 substantially amends 14 V.S.A. § 3098 and adds a new section related to children in juvenile proceedings.
 - a. Proposed Amendment to Rule 4.1: A proposed rule to clarify that a hearing on a motion for SJIS in a parentage or divorce proceeding takes scheduling priority over a case manager conference.
 - b. Service Rule for Cases Filed with a Motion for SJIS Findings: Given recent retirements of Judge Carlson and Jody Racht, a new subcommittee should be formed to work on this issue.
5. Proposal to review Family Rules for respectful language:
 - a. Respectful language review of all family rules: Committee discussion re process for review.
6. Amendment to V.R.F.P. 9 related to Complaints for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERDO): Discussion.
7. New Business
 - a. Amendment to Remove V.R.F.P. 15(i): Rule 15(i) requires attorneys to include their eCabinet registration number (ERN) on any filing that constitutes a first appearance. With the advent of Odyssey, ERNs are obsolete. The Family Oversight Committee has requested this change.
8. 2024 Meeting Schedule: Committee to discuss a meeting schedule for 2024. Proposed schedule: April 26; July 19; October 25.
9. Adjourn