

VERMONT SUPREME COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Meeting
December 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. in Room 216, Debevoise Hall, Vermont Law School, by Jody Racht, chair. Present in person were Committee members Robin Arnell, Jean Murray, and Robert Sheil. Present remotely by Gotomeeting software were Mary Frost, Peter Lawrence, Linda Reis, Hon. Justine Scanlon, and Christine Speidel. Also present were Hon. Beth Robinson, Supreme Court liaison; Scott Woodward; and Professor L. Kinvin Wroth, Reporter.

1. **Minutes.** The draft minutes of October 25, 2013, as previously circulated were unanimously approved.
2. **Status of proposed and recommended amendments.** Professor Wroth reported that the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules would consider the Committee's revised proposed amendments to V.R.F.P. 7 and new V.R.F.P. 7.1 at a meeting on December 13.
3. **Proposed Restyling and Reorganization of V.R.F.P. 4.0-4.3.** The Committee reviewed Professor Wroth's December 3 draft of V.R.F.P. 4.0-4.2 showing revisions made at previous meetings with strikeouts and underlining. It was agreed that the draft reflected prior decisions, with some minor clean-up suggestions. At the next meeting, the Committee will consider any further specific comments on the draft and the basic question whether the new structure is effective,

The Committee then began consideration of the April 2011 draft of V.R.F.P. 4.3 and Justice Robinson's comments on it. It was agreed to continue consideration of comments and the overall arrangement and structure of the rule at the next meeting.

4. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Committee will be held at Vermont Law School from 1:30-4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014, to consider agenda items remaining after the October 25 meeting. Professor Wroth will send out a request for availability of Committee members on subsequent dates for meetings to complete the review of Rule 4 and to continue with the general agenda

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Kinvin Wroth, Reporter