

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
JULY TERM, 2022**

Order Promulgating Administrative Order No. 53

Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, §§ 30 and 37, and 12 V.S.A. § 1, it is hereby ordered:

1. That Administrative Order No. 53 be promulgated to read as follows:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RULES FOR ELECTRONIC FILING

§ 1. An Advisory Committee on the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing of fourteen voting members is established consisting of four Superior Judges, four members designated by the State Court Administrator, including at least one superior court clerk or court operations manager, a designee from the Vermont Bar Association (VBA), a designee from the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, a designee of the Defender General, and three other members to be appointed by the Supreme Court. Initial appointments will be for staggered terms—six members for three years, four members for two years and four members for one year. Thereafter appointment will be for a three-year term. All members, except the VBA representative and the designees, may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms or parts thereof. Whenever a member resigns or the office is otherwise vacant, the Supreme Court will appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. The Supreme Court will designate the chair.

§ 2. **Compensation and Expenses.** In the performance of their Committee duties, each member is eligible to receive per diem compensation and be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses equivalent to that provided by law for comparable boards and commissions. A request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses must be made on a Court-approved voucher and be submitted to the Court Administrator.

§ 3. The Committee will continually review the operation and effectiveness of the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing and recommend to the Supreme Court amendment to those rules or other appropriate actions it finds advisable.

§ 4. The Committee will meet at least once a year and report to the Supreme Court annually on or before the first Tuesday of October and at other times which the Committee finds advisable.

§ 5. Pursuant to A.O. 11, the Committee will provide proper public notice and opportunity to comment relative to any report of proposal of, or amendment to, any rule. Any individual having proposals for amendment of the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing should forward them, in writing, to the Court Administrator, or to the chair or a member of the Advisory Committee for consideration.

Reporter's Notes

Administrative Order 53 is added to establish a permanent Advisory Committee on the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing. The Supreme Court established a special advisory committee to develop rules governing procedures for electronic filing in conjunction with the implementation of the Judiciary's electronic case management system. The resulting rules continue to require modification based on experience and a permanent committee will assist the Court in keeping the rules updated.

2. That these amendments be prescribed and promulgated, effective on September 12, 2022. The Reporter's Notes are advisory.

3. 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 11th day of July, 2022.



Signed by the Vermont Supreme Court

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

William D. Cohen, Associate Justice

Nancy J. Waples, Associate Justice