

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
APRIL TERM, 2024**

Order Promulgating Amendment to Rule 11(a) of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure

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

1. That Rule 11(a) of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure be amended as follows (deleted matter struck through; new matter underlined):

**RULE 11. SIGNING OF PLEADINGS, MOTIONS, AND OTHER PAPERS;
REPRESENTATIONS TO COURT; SANCTIONS**

(a) **Signature.** Every pleading, written motion, and other document that requires a signature shall be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney's individual name, or, if the party is not represented by an attorney, shall be signed by the party. Each document shall state the signer's e-mail, ~~and~~ postal address, and telephone number. Except when otherwise specifically provided by rule or statute, pleadings need not be verified or accompanied by affidavit. An unsigned document shall be stricken unless omission of the signature is corrected promptly after being called to the attention of the attorney or party.

Reporter's Note—2024 Amendment

Rule 11(a) is amended to require every pleading, written motion, and other document that requires a signature to include the signer's telephone number. The primary purpose of this change is to assist self-represented litigants who wish to contact an opposing attorney by telephone.

2. That these amendments be prescribed and promulgated, effective on July 1, 2024. 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 1st day of April, 2024.



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