

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
NOVEMBER TERM, 2015**

**Order Promulgating Amendments to Rule 1(a)(1)
of the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing**

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

1. That Rule 1(a)(1) of the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing is amended to read as follows (deleted matter struck through; new matter underlined):

RULE 1. APPLICABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATES; TITLE

(a) These rules apply to all actions and proceedings commenced in the divisions and units of the Superior Court specified below:

(1) Electronic filing in accordance with these rules is required

(A) in all cases commenced in the Civil Division, Rutland and Windsor Units, on and after January 26, 2011, except small claims actions; and small claims appeals filed before January 25, 2016, and stalking and sexual assault actions.

(B) in all small claims actions commenced in the Civil Division, Addison, Orange, Rutland, and Windsor Units, and in all small claims appeals commenced in the Rutland and Windsor Units, on and after January 25, 2016.

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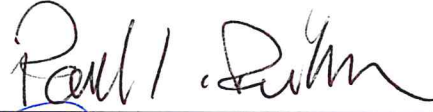
Reporter's Notes—2016 Amendment

Rule 1(a)(1) is amended to provide that on and after January 25, 2016, the Vermont Rules for Electronic Filing apply in small claims actions filed in the Addison, Orange, Rutland, and Windsor Units of the Civil Division and in small claims appeals filed in the Rutland and Windsor Units. The purpose of the amendment is to implement the Small Claims centralization pilot project in those counties.

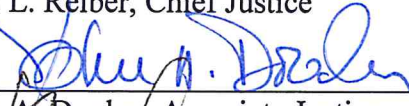
2. That this rule as amended is prescribed and promulgated to become effective on January 25, 2016. The Reporter's Notes are advisory.

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

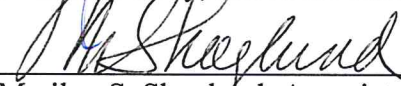
Dated in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont, this 23rd day of November, 2015.



Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



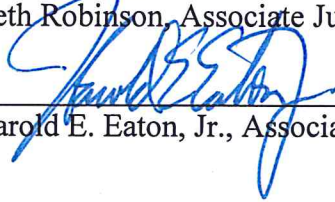
John A. Dooley, Associate Justice



Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Beth Robinson, Associate Justice



Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice