

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Rule X of the Rules of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule X, §2(e), be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Writ Applications; General Filing Requirements.

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(e) In all applications requesting a stay order or other priority consideration, the applicant must certify that all counsel and unrepresented parties have been notified by telephone or other equally prompt means of communication that said writ application has been or is about to be filed in this Court and said application must be served forthwith on all parties at interest or their counsel, by a means equal to the means used to effect filing in this Court. (That is, if filing in this Court is by overnight mail, the same means shall be sufficient for service on all parties at interest. If

filing is by hand to this Court, service must be made on all parties at interest by an equally prompt method.)

All duplicate originals and copies of priority writ applications shall include, in addition to a completed writ application filing sheet, a completed civil or criminal priority filing sheet. The civil or criminal priority filing sheet shall precede the writ application filing sheet in the writ application. The civil and criminal priority filing sheets are published in the Appendices to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

The applicant shall immediately notify the Court if the need for expedited consideration changes due to settlement, continuance or any other circumstance. Failure to notify the Court shall subject the applicant to punishment for contempt of the authority of the Court.

This rule change shall become effective upon signing, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of January, 2011.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice