

# SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

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## ORDER

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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of the Court, and considering the need to amend Part A, Rules II, IV, V, VII, IX and X of the Rules of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Part A of the Rules of the Louisiana Supreme Court be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Part A, Rule II is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

### **RULE II. DOCKETING OF CASES, MOTIONS, APPLICATIONS; DESIGNATION OF LEAD COUNSEL; SESSIONS OF COURT**

**Section 1.** Cases will be docketed in the order in which they are filed. No motion or application, except such as may be made in open court, will be considered, unless previously filed, numbered, and docketed.

**Section 2.** If a law firm or more than one attorney represents a party, one attorney will be designated in the first pleading filed on behalf of that party as "Lead Counsel." This attorney may, but need not, be the attorney who personally signs the pleadings. The designated Lead Counsel will be responsible for the case and all notices and other communications with respect to it will be directed to the designated Lead Counsel. The designation of Lead Counsel may be changed at any time by ex parte motion. If a party desires to change the Lead Counsel, the new Lead Counsel will be promptly designated.

**Section 3.** The court will hold its sessions at its domicile in New Orleans or at other locations it deems appropriate. The dates and the hours of the sessions will be determined by the court and shall be noted on the calendar of hearings prepared by the Clerk as provided by Rule VI below.

2. Part A, Rule IV is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

**RULE IV. FEES**

In addition to the fees authorized by La. R.S. 13:126, the Clerk shall collect the following fees in connection with the filings listed below:

Amicus Filing	\$200.00
Reply to Writ Opposition	\$50.00
Rehearing or Reconsideration Application - Civil	\$125.00
Motion - Extension Time to File Brief or Supplement a “Shell” Application	\$50.00
Re-submission of Rejected Filings	\$50.00
Motions - Other (Exceed Page Limits, etc.)	\$50.00

3. Part A, Rule V, Section 2 be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**RULE V. MOTIONS AND OTHER PLEADINGS; MOTIONS TO DISMISS; MOTIONS TO SEAL**

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**Section 2.** All motions or pleadings (such as an answer to the appeal) filed originally in this court shall bear the number and the title of the case, and shall be accompanied by the filing fee set forth in Rule IV. Eight copies shall be filed with the original. Unless filed in open court, they shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court with a certificate that they have been transmitted, mailed or delivered to the opposing counsel.

4. Part A, Rule VII, Rule VII Appendix be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **RULE VII. APPENDIX**

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to receive the filing fee set forth in Rule IV for the filing of any motion for leave to file an amicus curiae brief in this Court. This fee shall not be assessed by the Clerk when the motion for leave is presented by the State of Louisiana.

5. Part A, Rule IX, Section 1 be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **RULE IX. REHEARINGS**

**Section 1.** An application for rehearing must be filed with the Clerk, along with the filing fee set forth in Rule IV, on or before the fourteenth calendar day after the mailing of the notice of judgment, and no extension of time therefor will be granted. Nine copies of the application shall be filed with the original. A copy of the application shall be mailed or delivered to opposing counsel.

6. Part A, Rule X, Sections 3 and 7 be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **RULE X. WRIT APPLICATIONS**

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##### **Section 3. Writ Applications; Civil; Contents.**

In civil cases, a writ application shall be accompanied by the filing fee set forth in R.S. 13:126 and shall contain:

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7. The Clerk will not accept for filing any other pleadings or documents if the twenty-five page limit is exceeded. The applicant shall have seven days from the date the

filing is rejected to file other pleadings or documents that conform to this rule, along with the filing fee set forth in Rule IV.

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**Section 7. Reply to Opposition.**

The court does not encourage the filing of reply memoranda. Nonetheless, any party who feels the filing of a reply is essential to the court's consideration of the writ application may file and serve a reply memorandum in response to an opposition. The reply memorandum must be filed within ten days of the filing of the opposition and shall be accompanied by the filing fee set forth in Rule IV. The reply memorandum shall not exceed seven pages in length, inclusive of exhibits and other documents. No response to a reply memorandum shall be allowed.

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This rule shall become effective on July 1, 2013, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of the Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2013.

FOR THE COURT:

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Bernette Joshua Johnson, Chief Justice