

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rules 2:4-1 and 5:12-4 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective September 4, 2012.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: June 26, 2012

Rule 2:4-1. Time: From Judgments, Orders, Decisions, Actions and from Rules

(a) Appeals from final judgments of courts, final judgments or orders of judges sitting as statutory agents and final judgments of the Division of Workers' Compensation shall be taken within 45 days of their entry. However, appeals from final judgments terminating parental rights shall be taken within 21 days of their entry.

(b) ... no change

(c) ... no change

Note: Source-R.R. 1:3-1, 4:88-15(a), 4:88-15(b)(7); paragraph (b) amended November 27, 1974 to be effective April 1, 1975; paragraph (b) amended June 20, 1979 to be effective July 1, 1979; paragraphs (a) and (b) amended July 16, 1981 to be effective September 14, 1981; paragraph (a) amended June 26, 2012 to be effective September 4, 2012.

Rule 5:12-4. Case Management Conference, Hearings, [or] Trial, and Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings

(a) ... no change

(b) ... no change

(c) ... no change

(d) ... no change

(e) ... no change

(f) ... no change

(g) ... no change

(h) ... no change

(i) ... no change

(j) Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings; Exhibits. The following procedures shall apply to every termination of parental rights matter filed by the Division of Youth and Family Services:

(1) The Division shall submit to the court no later than 5 days before the start of the trial two hard copies of all trial exhibits.

(2) The Division shall append to its trial exhibits a completed evidence list in a form prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts.

(3) If authorized by the court, the Division may submit to the court no later than 5 days before the start of the trial its exhibits in an electronic format prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts.

(4) In the event that no appeal is filed, the court shall retain exhibits for a minimum of 90 days after the entry of the final judgment. Upon the filing of an appeal, the court shall retain the exhibits until the final disposition of the appeal.

Note: Source-R. (1969) 5:7A-4. Adopted December 20, 1983, to be effective December 31, 1983; paragraphs (e) and (f) adopted November 5, 1986 to be effective January 1, 1987; paragraphs (a) and (b) amended July 13, 1994 to be effective September 1, 1994; paragraphs (a) and (b) amended June 28, 1996 to be effective September 1, 1996; paragraph (g) adopted July 10, 1998 to be effective September 1, 1998; new paragraphs (h) and (i) adopted July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; paragraph (a) amended July 28, 2004 to be effective September 1, 2004; note that Appendix X-A previously referenced in paragraph (a) also deleted July 28, 2004 to be effective September 1, 2004; paragraph (d) amended, and captions added to paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) June 15, 2007 to be effective September 1, 2007; paragraph (g) amended July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; caption amended, new paragraph (j) adopted June 26, 2012 to be effective September 4, 2012.