

Notice to the Bar
Supreme Court Rules Committee Reports -- Publication for Comment

The Supreme Court invites written comments on the 2004-06 reports of the Supreme Court rules committees published with this notice. In those reports, the committees (as listed below) make numerous recommendations to the Supreme Court for rule amendments and other non-rule administrative actions. As set forth in an earlier notice, the Court has staggered the reporting cycles of its rules committees, such that not all will be submitting their respective reports this year, though some of those have submitted emergent rule proposals for consideration.

The rules committees whose 2004-06 reports are here published for comment are as follows:

Civil Practice Committee

Special Civil Part Practice Committee

Committee on Tax Court

Also published here are emergent rule amendment proposals from the following rules committees that will not be reporting in full until 2007: (1) Criminal Practice Committee, and (2) Family Practice Committee.

Criminal Practice Committee

Family Practice Committee

Not all of the appendices referenced in the reports have been included in this publication; copies of omitted appendices are available on request.

The Report of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee, though part of the current two-year rules cycle, will be published at a later date. We also anticipate receiving Supplemental Reports from the Civil Practice Committee and the Special Civil Part Practice Committee, which will be published at a later date as well.

Please send any comments on the Committees' proposed rule amendments or other recommendations in writing by Monday, April 24, 2006 to:

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Comments on the Committee reports and recommendations may also be submitted to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov.

The Supreme Court will not consider comments submitted anonymously. Thus, those submitting comments by mail should include their name and address (and those submitting comments by e-mail should include their name and e-mail address). However, comments submitted in response to this notice will be maintained in confidence if the author specifically requests confidentiality. In the absence of such a request, the author's identity and his or her comments may be subject to public disclosure after the Court has acted on the Committee reports and supplemental reports.

The Supreme Court will be acting on these reports and recommendations in June 2006, with any rule amendments likely to become effective September 1, 2006.

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