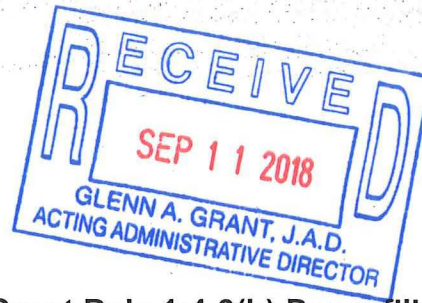


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Re: Comment on Proposed Amendments to Court Rule 1:4-9(b) Paper filings.

Dear Hon. Grant,

I am writing to comment on the Proposed Rule Amendment to R. 1:4-9 regarding paper filings and the requirement for future filings to be "Only one side of the paper" instead of both sides of the paper which has been the practice of the Courts for many years.

I wanted to inform you of the enormous burden and additional costs this amendment will put on the individuals incarcerated throughout the State of New Jersey.

Currently, inmates must pay .10 cents per page in prison facilities for copies, not per side, only the page, so when both sides are utilized the inmate only has to pay .10 cents. The cost for copies is already more expensive than the public rate of .5 cents for O.P.R.A. documents. This amendment will now force inmates to pay double the .10¢ rate for costs of copies. Moreover, this amendment will also put a higher cost of Postage to mail what will be double the paper.

I am an inmate-paralegal in Northern State Prison's Law Library and I often make photo copies. I can tell you this will have a significant impact upon inmates, as many inmates copy their court filings using both sides of the paper, thus reducing costs and the amount of paper used. Inmates are the majority that will be affected by this change, not the big corporate firms with significant money to spend. Also, the majority of inmates are indigent and the higher costs that will be imposed upon us should be considered in this matter. Therefore, this proposed amendment should not be approved. For these reasons I am opposed to the Rule Amendment.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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