

Amendments of Court Rules (22 NYCRR)
Approved by the Administrative Board of the Courts
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- 22 NYCRR § 118.1, requiring attorney reporting of hours of pro bono legal service and contributions to legal services organizations serving the poor.
- 22 NYCRR § 147.1(a), eliminating certain geographic restrictions in the establishment of Superior Court sex offense parts.
- 22 NYCRR Part 150 (Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions), permitting use of the rating “highly qualified” by IJEQCs in evaluating candidates for elected judicial office, and requiring a supermajority for issuance of such a rating; providing that IJEQC members who had served two terms might be reappointed by a different appointing authority; and amending quorum requirements for Commission action.
- 22 NYCRR § 202.5-b, authorizing commencement of SCAR proceedings in “text file” format without need for respondent’s consent.
- Repeal of 22 NYCRR § 202.5-b(d)(3)(iii), relating to e-filing of documents in “secure” status.
- 22 NYCRR Part 206 (Uniform Rules for the Court of Claims), amending miscellaneous provisions.
- 22 NYCRR §202.10, encouraging telephonic court conferences.
- 22 NYCRR §202.12(b) and (c)(3) and the Rules of the Commercial Division (22 NYCRR §202.70(g)) (Rule 8), requiring counsel to confer prior to the preliminary conference in cases reasonably likely to involve e-discovery.
- 22 NYCRR § 202.28, requiring notice to the court of settlement, mootness, or bankruptcy of a party.
- 22 NYCRR § 202.70(a) (Rules of the Commercial Division), raising the monetary threshold for matters before the Commercial Division in the Seventh Judicial District from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- 22 NYCRR § 202.70(g), Rule 8 and Rule 13, relating to enhanced expert disclosure in the Commercial Division.
- 22 NYCRR Part 1200, Rule 6.1 (Rules of Professional Conduct), encouraging lawyers to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono annually and to make financial contributions to legal services organizations serving the poor.
- 22 NYCRR §1300.1(a) (dishonored check reporting rules for attorney special, trust and escrow accounts), correcting a reference to the former Code of Professional Responsibility.