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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL RULES
OF PRACTICE FOR THE SUPERIOR
AND DISTRICT COURTS

Pursuant to authority of G.S. 7A-34, Rule 6 of the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts is hereby amended to add a new fourth paragraph as follows:

“The court in civil matters, on its motion or upon motion by a party, may in its discretion order that argument of any motion be accomplished by means of a telephone conference without requiring counsel to appear in court in person. Upon motion of any party, the court may order such argument to be recorded in such manner as the court shall direct. The court may direct which party shall pay the costs of the telephone calls. Conduct of counsel during such arguments may be subject to punishment as for direct criminal contempt of court.”

This amendment shall be effective on and after the first day of January 1985 and shall be promulgated by the publication in the Advance Sheets of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

By order of the Court in Conference, this 28th day of August, 1984.

FRYE, J.
For the Court