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

Pursuant to authority of N.C.G.S. § 7A-34, the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts are hereby amended by rewriting the second paragraph of Rule 2(a), Calendaring of Civil Cases, to read as follows:

The effective date of the plan and any amendments thereto shall be either January 1 or July 1. The plan must be promulgated in writing and copies of the plan must be distributed to all attorneys of record within the judicial district. In order to provide for statewide dissemination, copies of plans effective January 1 shall be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts on or before October 31 and on or before April 30 for plans effective July 1.

Said rules are further amended by deleting the first paragraph of Rule 8, which now reads as follows:

All desired discovery shall be completed within 120 days of the date of the last required pleading. For good cause shown, a judge having jurisdiction may enlarge the period of discovery.

These amendments shall be effective on and after the 1st day of July, 1988, and shall be promulgated by publication in the advance sheets of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

By order of the Court in Conference, this 16th day of May, 1988.

WHICHARD, J. For the Court