

HIGHLIGHTS TO THE 2026 EDITION

The 2026 Edition includes statutes through the 2025 legislative session and court rules through the 2025 adoptions as of August 30, 2025.

New changes and developments in this edition include and are found as follows:

- Pro se litigant election to electronically file (§ 1:11)
- Court documents
 - Signature (§ 7:2)
 - Attorneys filing documents on behalf of pro se litigants (§ 7:3)
 - Electronic filing rule exceptions (§ 7:3)
 - Unsuccessful filings and the clerk’s correction queue (§ 7:4)
 - Electronic service and when service of paper documents is required (§ 7:5)
 - Certificate of service requirements (§ 7:5)
 - Computation of time (§ 7:6)
 - Extension of time (§ 7:7)
- Service of process
 - Service on unknowns and substituted service on Secretary of State (§ 10:3)
 - Substituted service on nonresidents and certain parties (§ 10:18)
 - Service on unknown parties (§ 10:24)
 - Substituted service on “unascertainable respondents” in injunction actions to protect vulnerable adults (§§ 10:24 and 29:7)
- Motion to stay proceedings and place on inactive status (§ 16:2)
- Certificate of conferral revisions (§ 16:3)
- Discovery
 - Sequence and timing of discovery, initial discovery disclosure (§ 18:2)
 - Noncompliance with discovery, certification, and sanctions (§§ 18:3 and 18:13)
 - Objection to production of documents and things, specific grounds (§ 18:13)
 - Failure to make or time supplement discovery disclosure and sanctions (§ 18:17)
- Notice of pending matter when judge has not ruled within 60 days (§ 26:9)
- Stay of execution and process upon timely filing of motion for rehearing or new trial §§ 28:1 and 28:7)
- Notice of issuance of subpoena in family law matters (§ 31:3)
- Criminal background checks as to sex offender or predator status in name change actions (§ 31:18)

- Alternative remedy to remove unauthorized individuals from residential property (§ 32:5)
- Vexatious litigant determination and judicial options in addressing (§ 38:6)
- Civil remedy for injuries sustained by act of terrorism (§ 38:13)
- Birth Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan notice (§ 38:22)
- Cause of action for personal injury or wrongful death of a minor resulting from sexual reassignment prescriptions or procedures (§ 38:23)