Rule 57. Rules of Courts

(a) Applicability of Civil Rules. The following Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply to the Criminal Division:

Rule 43-I (Record made in regular course of business; photographic copies);

Rule 63-I (Bias or prejudice of a judge);

Rule 101 (Appearance and withdrawal of attorneys);

Rule 102 (Disciplinary proceedings against attorneys);

Rule 103 (Employees not to practice law); and

Rule 104 (Avoidance and resolution of conflicts in engagements of counsel among the courts in the District of Columbia).

(b) Procedure When There Is No Controlling Law. The court may regulate practice in any manner consistent with applicable law and these rules. No sanction or other disadvantage may be imposed for noncompliance with any requirement not in applicable law or these rules unless the alleged violator was furnished with actual notice of the requirement before the noncompliance.

COMMENT TO 2016 AMENDMENTS

This rule has been redrafted to conform to the general restyling of the federal rules in 2002. It differs from the federal rule in several respects.

Paragraphs (a) and (c) of the federal rule, which deal with the promulgation, amendment, and enforcement of local rules of court, are omitted as locally inapplicable.

Paragraph (a) of this rule adopts certain Superior Court civil rules by reference.

Paragraph (b) refers to locally applicable law and rules.