

Rule 1. Scope of Rules

These Rules govern the procedure in summary proceedings for possession brought in this Court pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 45-1409 and 16-1501 et seq. (1981). When any case so brought is certified to the Civil Division pursuant to SCR LT 6, such case shall be scheduled for trial on an expedited basis and shall remain subject to these Landlord and Tenant Rules except as provided for in SCR LT 13-I. When any case so brought is certified to the Civil Division pursuant to SCR LT 5(c), it shall be subject in all respects to the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure.

These Rules may be known as Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure for the Landlord and Tenant Branch and may be cited as Superior Court Rules -- Landlord and Tenant or SCR-LT. They shall be construed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action.