

Rule 1. Title and Scope of Rules

(a) TITLE. These rules may be known and cited as the Superior Court Rules Governing Parentage and Support Proceedings or as “Super. Ct. P&S R. ___.”

(b) SCOPE. These rules govern the procedure in all actions and proceedings in the Parentage and Support Branch of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

(c) PURPOSE. These rules should be construed, administered, and employed by the court and the parties to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS RULES. Except when inconsistent with these rules, the following Superior Court Rules Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings are deemed applicable to proceedings in the Parentage and Support Branch:

5, 5-III, 5.1, 5.2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26-37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 52, 53, 54, 54-II, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 62-I, 62-II, 62-III, 62.1, 63, 63-I, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 69-I, 69-II, 70, 71, 77, 79, 84, 86, 101, 201, 401, 404, and 406.

COMMENT

The parentage and support rules closely align with the domestic relations rules. In fact, some provisions in the parentage and support rules are similar or identical to the corresponding domestic relations provisions. If an entire domestic relations rule was deemed applicable to parentage and support proceedings, the domestic relations rule was listed in section (d). The intent is that the parentage and support rules are consistent with the domestic relations rules that are deemed applicable to proceedings in the Parentage and Support Branch, but if any inconsistency emerges, the parentage and support rule controls.