# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RULE PROMULGATION ORDER 23-01

(Amending Super. Ct. Civ. R. 7.1)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-946 (2012 Repl.), the Board of Judges of the Superior Court approved amendments to Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1; and

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**ORDERED**, that Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 is hereby amended as set forth below; and it is further

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  - (2) states that there is no such corporation.
- (b) TIME TO FILE; SUPPLEMENTAL FILING. A party, intervenor, or proposed intervenor must:
- (1) file the disclosure with its first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the court; and
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## SO ORDERED.

**DATE: May 3, 2023** 

Anita M. Josey-Herring Chief Judge

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