

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RULE PROMULGATION ORDER 19-02

(Amending Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 54-II and 77)

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-946, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court approved an amendment to Rule Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings 54-II and a conforming amendment to Rule Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings 77; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-946, the amendments do not modify the federal rules; it is

ORDERED, that Rules Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings 54-II and 77 are hereby enacted and amended as set forth below; and it is further

ORDERED, that the amendments shall take effect immediately and shall govern all proceedings thereafter commenced and insofar as just and practicable all pending proceedings.

Rule 54-II. Waiver of Costs, Fees, or Security

(b) PUBLIC BENEFITS. If an applicant receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Assistance for Children, Program on Work, Employment, and Responsibility, or Supplemental Security Income, the court or the clerk must grant the application without requiring additional information from the applicant.

COMMENT TO 2019 AMENDMENTS

Section (b) was amended to permit the clerk to grant applications when the applicant receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Assistance for Children, Program on Work, Employment, and Responsibility, or Supplemental Security Income.

COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS

This rule was amended consistent with stylistic changes to the civil rules.

Rule 77. Conducting Business; Clerk's Authority; Notice of an Order or Judgment

(b) CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS; CLERK'S ORDERS.

(2) *Orders*. Subject to the court's power to suspend, alter, or rescind the clerk's action for good cause, the clerk may:

(A) issue process;

(B) grant applications under Rule 54-II(b);

~~(C)~~ enter a default; and

~~(D)~~ act on any other matter that does not require the court's action.

COMMENT TO 2019 AMENDMENTS

Subsection (b)(2) was amended to reflect the amendment to Rule 54-II, which now permits the clerk to grant applications when the applicant receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Assistance for Children, Program on Work, Employment, and Responsibility, or Supplemental Security Income.

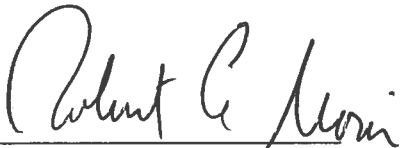
COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS

This rule has amended to conform to Civil Rule 77, except for the provision requiring all proceedings to take place in "open court."

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By the Court:

Date: 5/7/19



Robert E. Morin
Chief Judge

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