

**District of Columbia  
Court of Appeals**



**No. M-275-21**

BEFORE: Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge; Glickman, Thompson, Beckwith, Easterly, McLeese, and Deahl, Associate Judges.

**ORDER**

(FILED – September 14, 2021)

On consideration of the proposed amendments to D.C. App. R. 3(c), published for notice and comment on June 28, 2021, and the court having received no comments concerning those proposed amendments, it is

ORDERED that D.C. App. R. 3(c) is hereby amended as reflected in the attached clean and redline versions. The amendments will be effective as of December 1, 2021.

**PER CURIAM**

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