

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Notice of Proposed Amendments to Rule 7.1 of the
Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure**

The District of Columbia Superior Court Rules Committee recently completed review of proposed amendments to Rule 7.1 of the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure. The Rules Committee will recommend to the Superior Court Board of Judges that the amendments be approved and adopted unless, after consideration of comments from the Bar and the general public, the proposed amendments are withdrawn or modified.

Written comments must be submitted by March 29, 2023. Comments may be emailed to Pedro.Briones@dccsystem.gov or may be mailed to:

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All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available to the public. New language is underlined, and deleted language is stricken through.

Rule 7.1. Disclosure Statement

(a) WHO MUST FILE; CONTENTS. A nongovernmental corporate party or a nongovernmental corporation that seeks to intervene must file ~~2 copies of~~ a disclosure statement that:

(1) identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock; or

(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

(2) promptly file a supplemental statement if any required information changes.

(c) COLLECTION AND SUBROGATION CASE PROCEDURES. A plaintiff need not file a statement in a case filed pursuant to Rule 40-III(a) unless the defendant files a responsive pleading or otherwise appears to contest the allegations contained in the complaint. In a case in which such a pleading is filed or a defendant appears, the statement must be filed promptly.

COMMENT TO 2023 AMENDMENTS

Sections (a) and (b) have been amended to incorporate applicable portions of the 2022 amendments to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1. Section (a) now extends the disclosure requirement to a nongovernmental corporation that seeks to intervene. Section (a) also omits the former requirement that two copies of the disclosure statement be filed. Section (b) has been amended to reflect the new disclosure requirement in section (a).

COMMENT TO 2017 AMENDMENTS

Sections (a) and (b) are identical to *Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1*, as amended in 2007. Section (c), which is unique to the Superior Court rule, is retained from the prior version of this rule.