

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
RULE PROMULGATION ORDER 15-01**

(Amending SCR-Dom. Rel. 52)

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-946, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court has approved a resolution amending Superior Court Rule Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings 52; and

WHEREAS, this rule does not modify the Federal Rules of Civil or Criminal Procedure; it is

ORDERED that Superior Court Rule Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings 52 is hereby amended as set forth below; and it is further

ORDERED that the amendments to Superior Court Rule Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings 52 shall take effect immediately and shall govern all proceedings hereafter commenced and insofar as is just and practicable all pending proceedings.

SCR-Dom. Rel. 52

Rule 52. Findings by the Court.

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~~(c) [Deleted]. *Matters taken under advisement.* If a decision has not been rendered within 60 days of the date on which a motion was taken under advisement or a nonjury trial concluded, the Clerk shall send notice of that fact to the assigned judicial officer and shall repeat such notice every 30 days thereafter until a decision is rendered. If no decision has been rendered within 60 days of the issuance of the first such notice, the Clerk thereafter shall so advise that judicial officer, the parties, and the Chief Judge, and the assigned judicial officer shall provide to the Chief Judge and the parties within 30 days a written explanation for why the decision has not been rendered. The Chief Judge may take any action the Chief Judge deems appropriate in order to cause the matter to be decided promptly. If there has been no decision within six months, the Chief Judge may reassign the case to another judicial officer for retrial.~~

~~—COMMENT~~

~~—Paragraph (c) is not intended to trigger notices where the Court has announced a decision on the record but has yet to issue the written findings.~~

COMMENT TO 2015 AMENDMENTS

Section (c), “matters taken under advisement,” was deleted; the matters previously addressed by this section are now the subject of an administrative order.

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By the Court:

Date: March 3, 2015

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Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge

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