

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

In re: Amendments to Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.530 and 2.540

No. SC2025-0725 (Fla. May 14, 2026) · No. SC2025-0725 · Decided May 14, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Florida declined to adopt a proposed amendment concerning audiovisual communication technology during depositions and referred that issue to the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. The Court adopted amendments to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.540 concerning ADA notice language, font requirements, identification of the ADA Coordinator, and related accommodation procedures. The amendments become effective July 1, 2026, at 12:01 a.m.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Carlos G. Muñoz, Chief Justice; Jorge Labarga, Justice; Renatha Francis, Justice; Jamie R. Grosshans, Justice; Rene Couriel, Justice; Meredith Sasso, Justice; M. Kevin Tanenbaum, Justice
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Florida
DECIDED	May 14, 2026
DOCKET	SC2025-0725
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding concerning proposed amendments to Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.530 and 2.540.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published rulemaking opinion of the Supreme Court of Florida; binding as to the adopted amendments to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.540.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- reasonable accommodation
- ada / disability
- service animals

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court of Florida should adopt the proposed amendments to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.530 concerning communication technology during depositions.
2. Whether the Supreme Court of Florida should adopt the proposed amendments to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.540 concerning notices, procedures, grievances, and service animals relating to accommodations for persons with disabilities.

HOLDINGS

1. The court declined to adopt the proposed amendment to rule 2.530 at that time and referred the matter to the Civil Procedure Rules Committee for consideration of an amendment to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.310 concerning the use of audiovisual communication technology during depositions.
2. The court adopted the proposed amendments to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.540, effective July 1, 2026, at 12:01 a.m.
3. All notices of court proceedings, including orders issued by judges, notices filed by attorneys or parties, and process compelling appearance such as a summons, must include the specified ADA accommodation statement in boldface, 14-point Bookman Old Style or Arial font.
4. The amended rule requires courts to maintain procedures for requesting accommodations and grievance procedures, permits courts to request additional impairment information when a proposed accommodation may fundamentally alter a proceeding, and requires courts to allow service animals as provided by the ADA and Florida law.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Specifically, we amend subdivision (c)(1) to clarify that all notices of court proceedings, “whether an order issued by a judge or a notice filed by an attorney or party,” which includes but is “not limited to a summons,” must contain the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) notice language.” (-2-)

“The court shall must allow the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability in facilities of the courts and when participating in all programs or activities provided by the courts, as provided in and subject to the requirements of the ADA and Florida law.” (-6-)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Florida Bar’s Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee proposed amendments addressing communication technology and requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities. The proposed rule 2.540 amendments revised required ADA notice language, permitted Bookman Old Style or Arial fonts, replaced a named individual with an ADA Coordinator, and made related textual changes concerning accommodations, grievance procedures, and service animals.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Florida Bar's Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee submitted a report proposing amendments to rules 2.530 and 2.540. The Board of Governors of The Florida Bar unanimously recommended approval, and the Supreme Court published the proposals for comment; no comments were received. The court declined to adopt the proposed amendment to rule 2.530, referred that matter to the Civil Procedure Rules Committee, and adopted the proposed amendments to rule 2.540.

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

No remand was ordered. The proposed rule 2.530 amendment was referred to the Civil Procedure Rules Committee for consideration of an amendment to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.310.