

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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

In re Amendments to Florida Rules · No. SC2023-1401 · Decided May 22, 2025

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Florida’s corrected per curiam opinion adopts amendments to the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration. The amendments add rules concerning electronic signatures of court officials and the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, and revise provisions governing computation of time, signatures, service, document formatting, and electronic filing. The amendments become effective July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Chief Justice Carlos G. Muñoz; Justice Charles T. Canady; Justice Jorge Labarga; Justice John D. Couriel; Justice Jamie R. Grosshans; Justice Renatha Francis; Justice Meredith L. Sasso
JURISDICTION	Florida
DECIDED	May 22, 2025
DOCKET	SC2023-1401
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original rulemaking proceeding before the Supreme Court of Florida on a proposal by The Florida Bar’s Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee to adopt and amend Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published rulemaking opinion of the Supreme Court of Florida; binding adoption of the specified procedural rules and amendments.
PARTIES	Florida Bar’s Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- appellate procedure
- service of process
- pleadings
- preservation of error

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court of Florida should adopt new rules 2.345 and 2.511 and amend rules 2.514, 2.515, 2.516, 2.520, and 2.525 governing court-document authentication, electronic filing, service, signatures, formatting, and official court files.
2. When the adopted amendments should become effective.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Florida adopted new rules 2.345 and 2.511 and amended rules 2.514, 2.515, 2.516, 2.520, and 2.525 as modified by the Committee in response to comments and with additional changes by the Court.
2. The amendments become effective July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.; filing a motion for rehearing does not alter the effective date.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We amend the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration as modified by the Committee in response to the comments, with additional changes to rules 2.345 and 2.516.” (-2-)

“The amendments will become effective July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.” (-5-)

“THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR REHEARING SHALL NOT ALTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS.” (-5-)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Florida Bar’s Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee proposed revisions addressing electronic signatures, the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, computation of time, signatures and representations by filers, service, document formatting, and electronic filing. The Board of Governors unanimously recommended acceptance, and the Court received two public comments before adopting the revised proposal.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Committee proposed new rules 2.345 and 2.511 and amendments to rules 2.514, 2.515, 2.516, 2.520, and 2.525. The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors unanimously recommended adoption. After publication for comment, the Court received two comments, considered the Committee’s response and revised proposal, and adopted the rules as modified, including additional changes to rules 2.345 and 2.516.

DISPOSITION

approved

