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PRESS RELEASE

The Rhode Island Supreme Court Seeks Comment on Rule Amendments *Public Comment due by April 12, 2025*

PROVIDENCE, RI – The Rhode Island Judiciary at this time invites public comment on the proposed rule amendments, which most notably includes changes as to remote public access to court documents.

The Court is seeking public comment on the [attached](#) proposed amendments to Article I. Appellate Procedure, Article X. Rules Governing Electronic Filing, Rhode Island Judiciary Rules of Practice Governing Public Access to Electronic Case Information, Superior Court Rules Governing Arbitration of Civil Actions, Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure, Superior Court Rules of Criminal Procedure, Superior Court Rules of Practice, Family Court Rules of Criminal Procedure, Family Court Rules of Domestic Relations Procedure, Family Court Rules of Practice, Rules of Juvenile Proceedings, District Court Civil Rules, District Court Rules of Small Claims Procedure, Workers' Compensation Court Rules of Practice, and Traffic Tribunal Rules of Procedure.

The Rhode Island Judiciary currently uses a Tyler Technologies software system to provide access to the Judiciary's case information remotely (Rhode Island Judiciary Public Portal (Public Portal)). The remote access rules were implemented in conjunction with the electronic filing system in 2014. Tyler Technologies will be retiring the Public Portal and will be replacing the system with a new product called re:Search. re:Search will allow the public, attorneys, self-represented litigants, state or federal agencies, law enforcement agencies, and the public real-time web access to essential case, calendar, and party information from any personal computer, tablet, or mobile telephone.

The Administrative Office of State Courts has contracted with Tyler Technologies to implement re:Search. The re:Search project is scheduled to begin in spring of 2025 with an implementation

date in summer of 2025. Because re:Search is a more robust system than the Public Portal, the Judiciary has the ability to offer remote access to more individuals and groups with differing levels of security and additional functionality within the system.

The move to re:Search has prompted the Court to review all the electronic filing and access rules across the Judiciary. As the Administrative Office of State Courts launched a new website last year, this also necessitated some rule changes as well as some general clarification changes.

Any person interested in offering comment on any of the above amendments may do so in writing by submitting an email memorandum to the Clerk of the Supreme Court at SupremeCourtClerksOffice@courts.ri.gov or by submitting a hard copy via mail or in person no later April 12, 2025.

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