

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Amendment to the South Carolina Appellate
Court Rules—Rule 614; Amendments to South
Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure—Rule 11

Appellate Case No. 2022-000029

ORDER

Pursuant to Article V, § 4 of the South Carolina Constitution, the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules are amended to add Rule 614, as shown in the attachment to this order. Further, Rule 11 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure is amended as set forth in the attachment to this order. These amendments shall be submitted to the General Assembly as provided in Article V, § 4A of the South Carolina Constitution.

s/ Donald W. Beatty C.J.

s/ John W. Kittredge J.

s/ Kaye G. Hearn J.

s/ John Cannon Few J.

s/ George C. James, Jr. J.

Columbia, South Carolina
February 1, 2022

The South Carolina Appellate Court Rules are amended to add Rule 614, which provides:

**RULE 614
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

Where a rule of court requires that a pleading, motion, or other paper be signed by the party or the party's attorney, the document may be signed using "s/ [typed name of person]," a signature stamp, or a scanned or other electronic version of the person's signature, except in cases where an original signature is required by law, such as an affidavit. Regardless of form, the signature shall act as a certificate that the person has read the document; that to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief there is good ground to support it; and that the document is not interposed for delay.

Rule 11(a) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to delete the provision stating "An attorney or party may only utilize an electronic signature in pleadings, motions or other papers that are E-Filed in the SCE-File electronic filing system." The following Note is added to the rule:

Note to 2022 Amendment

Based on the adoption of Rule 614 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, which permits a party to sign a pleading using an electronic signature, the provision restricting the use of electronic signatures to E-Filed pleadings has been deleted from the rule.