

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Re: Amendments to South Carolina Rules of Civil
Procedure

Appellate Case No. 2015-002219

ORDER

Pursuant to Article V, § 4, of the South Carolina Constitution, Rule 11 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure is hereby amended as provided in the attachment to this order. These amendments shall be submitted to the General Assembly as provided by Art. V, § 4A of the South Carolina Constitution.

s/ Costa M. Pleicones C.J.

s/ Donald W. Beatty J.

s/ John W. Kittredge J.

s/ Kaye G. Hearn J.

Columbia, South Carolina
January 28, 2016

The first paragraph of Rule 11(a), South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, is amended to provide as follows:

RULE 11
SIGNING OF PLEADINGS; ATTORNEYS

(a) Signature. Every pleading, motion or other paper of a party represented by an attorney shall be signed in his individual name by at least one attorney of record who is admitted to practice law in South Carolina, and whose address and telephone number shall be stated. A party who is not represented by an attorney shall sign his pleading, motion or other paper and state his address. Except when otherwise specifically provided by rule or statute, pleadings need not be verified or accompanied by affidavit. The written or electronic signature of an attorney or party constitutes a certificate by him that he has read the pleading, motion or other paper; that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief there is good ground to support it; and that it is not interposed for delay. 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.

Note to 2016 Amendment:

This amendment clarifies that the electronic signature of an attorney or party may only be used in E-Filed pleadings, motions or other papers.