

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ALTERING EXEMPTIONS FROM INFORMATION REPORT REQUIREMENT UNDER RULES 2-111 AND 2-323

WHEREAS, Rule 2-111(a) requires a plaintiff filing a civil action in a circuit court to file an information report with the complaint, except as otherwise provided by administrative order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals approved by the Court; and

WHEREAS, Rule 2-323(h) requires a defendant in a civil action in a circuit court to file an information report in certain circumstances where an information report is required from a plaintiff; and

WHEREAS, On recommendation of the Circuit Court Differentiated Case Management Committee and the Court of Appeals' Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, certain categories of actions were exempted from the filing requirements by an Administrative Order dated May 9, 1995, superseded by an Administrative Order dated December 10, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Rule changes and statutory amendments have affected certain categories of exempted actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the administrative head of the Judicial Branch of this State, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, §18 of the Maryland Constitution and Rule 2-111(a), do, this 2nd day of December, 2005, effective immediately, rescind the Administrative Order dated December 10, 1996, and exempt instead the following actions from the requirement of an information report under Rules 2-111 and 2-323:

- (1) Appeal from District Court (Rules 7-101 through 7-116);
- (2) Appeal from orphans' court (Code, Courts Article, § 12-502);

- (3) Certiorari in circuit court (Rule 7-301);
- (4) Judicial review of administrative agency decision (Rules 7-201 through 7-210);
- (5) Transfer from District Court on jury trial prayer (Rule 2-326);
- (6) Confessed judgment (Rule 2-611);
- (7) Contempt for failure to pay child support, when filed by a government agency;
- (8) Dishonored instrument – on transfer from District Court (Code, Commercial Law § 15-802);
- (9) Domestic violence relief under Code, Family Law Article, §§ 4-501 through 4-516, including Rule 3-326(c) transfer;
- (10) Friendly suit;
- (11) Juvenile cause, other than action to terminate parental rights and related adoption or to expunge criminal record (Rules 11-101 through 11-122); and
- (12) The following special proceedings:
 - (a) Absent person – termination of property interest (Code, Courts Article, §§ 3-101 through 3-110);
 - (b) Burial ground sale (Rule 14-401);
 - (c) Condemnation, when filed by State Roads Commission for unaccelerated quick-take (Code, Transportation Article, §§ 8-318 through 8-321);
 - (d) Contempt, civil or criminal, other than for violation of order or judgment entered under Code, Family Law Article (Rules 15-201 through 15-208);

- (e) Fiduciary estate (Rules 10-501 through 10-712);
- (f) Foreclosure (Rules 14-201 through 14-210);
- (g) Guardianship, other than action to terminate parental rights (Rules 10-201 through 10-305);
- (h) Habeas corpus (Rules 15-301 through 15-312);
- (i) Judicial release from confinement for mental disorder (Rule 15-601);
- (j) Judicial sale (Rules 14-301 through 14-306);
- (k) Lien instrument – action to release (Rule 12-103);
- (l) Lis pendens – proceeding to establish or terminate (Rule 12-102);
- (m) Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund or uninsured motorist – action against (Rules 15-801 through 15-805);
- (n) Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (Code, Family Law Article §§10-301 through 10-359);
- (o) Mechanics’ lien (Rules 12-301 through 12-308);
- (p) Name change, other than in connection with adoption or divorce (Rule 15-901);
- (q) Paternity, when filed by government agency (Code, Family Law Article §§ 5-1001 through 5-1048);
- (r) Post conviction (Rules 4-401 through 4-408); and

(s) Tax sale (Rules 14-501 through 14-506; Code, Tax – Property Article, §§ 14-801 through 14-854).

/s/ Robert M. Bell
Robert M. Bell
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland

Approved by the Court of Appeals and filed this 2nd day of December, 2005:

/s/ Alexander L. Cummings
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Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland