

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Supreme Judicial Court

At the Supreme Judicial Court holden at Boston within and for said Commonwealth on the twenty-second day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty:

present,

<u>RALPH D. GANTS</u>	)	Chief Justice
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<u>BARBARA A. LENK</u>	)	
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<u>FRANK M. GAZIANO</u>	)	Justices
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<u>DAVID A. LOWY</u>	)	
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<u>KIMBERLY S. BUDD</u>	)	
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<u>ELSPETH B. CYPHER</u>	)	
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<u>SCOTT L. KAFKER</u>	)	

ORDERED: That Chapter One of the Rules of the Supreme Judicial Court is hereby amended as follows:

Rule 1:25

By deleting paragraph (b) in Rule 1 of the E-Filing Rules and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Court record. The official court record in a case shall include electronic records or scanned records pertaining to that case, together with any documents and exhibits filed under the conventional method, which the clerk may convert into a designated electronic format.

Rule 1:25

By deleting paragraph (a) in Rule 8 of the E-Filing Rules and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a) Provider may charge fee for civil filings. The e-filing Provider may charge a fee per case for its services related to filings in civil cases, in an amount approved by the Supreme Judicial Court. The Provider fee shall be paid by the plaintiff, appellant or petitioner when a case is initiated by e-filing, unless the filing fee has been waived by the court. Regardless of whether a case is initiated by e-filing or by conventional methods, no Provider fee will be charged for any subsequent e-filing made by any party to the case. The Provider will provide for one or more methods of payment.

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By deleting the last sentence of E-Filing Rule 8(f).

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By deleting the last sentence of E-Filing Rule 10(b).

The amendment accomplished by this order shall take effect  
on June 1, 2020.

ORDERED:

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