

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Supreme Judicial Court

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

present,

<u>KIMBERLY S. BUDD</u>)	
)	Chief Justice
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<u>FRANK M. GAZIANO</u>)	
)	Justices
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<u>DAVID A. LOWY</u>)	
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<u>ELSPETH B. CYPHER</u>)	
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<u>SCOTT L. KAFKER</u>)	
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<u>DALILA ARGAEZ WENDLANDT</u>)	
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<u>SERGE GEORGES, JR.</u>)	

ORDERED: That the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure adopted by order dated July 1, 1973, as amended, to take effect on July 1, 1974, are hereby amended as follows:

Rule 1 By inserting the words "appealed or" before the word "reported" in the definition of "clerk" in Mass. R. App. P. 1(c).

Rule 1 By replacing the words "Appeals Court Rule 1:28" with the words "M.A.C. Rule 23.0" in the definition of "decision" in Mass. R. App. P. 1(c).

Rule 19 By replacing the words "the Appeals Court Standing Order Concerning Electronic Filing" with the words "M.A.C. Rule 13.0, concerning electronic filing" in Mass. R. App. P. 19(d)(1)(A).

Rule 19 By replacing the words "the Appeals Court Standing Order Concerning Electronic Filing" with the words "M.A.C. Rule 13.0, concerning electronic filing" in Mass. R. App. P. 19(d)(2)(A).

Rule 20 By deleting Mass. R. App. P. 20(a)(1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) Form

(A) Except on order of the appellate court or a single justice, or if filed on behalf of a party allowed to proceed as an indigent party, all briefs, appendices, and applications for and responses to direct and further appellate review shall be produced by any duplicating or copying process which produces a clear black image on white paper. However produced, the page shall be 8.5 inches in width and 11 inches in height. Pages shall be firmly bound at the left, and a cover or front page shall be used.

(B) Visual aids, including images, photographs, illustrations, diagrams, charts, or tables, may be included in a brief, an application for direct or further appellate review, or a response to such an application. A visual aid shall:

(i) be supported by appropriate citation;

(ii) not include any material that is impounded; depicts a minor, violence, death, or pornography; or is otherwise gruesome or indecent in nature; and

(iii) comply with the requirements of Rule 18(a)(1)(F) concerning quality, legibility, accuracy, and color.

Rule 20 By inserting the words "visual aids," after the word "footnotes" in Mass. R. App. P. 20(a)(2)(D).

Rule 20 By inserting the words "visual aids," after the word "footnotes" in Mass. R. App. P. 20(a)(3)(F).

Rule 20 By inserting the words "visual aids," after the word "footnotes" in Mass. R. App. P. 20(a)(4)(C).

Rule 27.1 By replacing the words "Appeals Court Rule 1:28" with the words "M.A.C. Rule 23.0" in Mass. R. App. P. 27.1(b).

The amendments accomplished by this order shall take effect on September 1, 2021.

ORDERED:

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