

## Court News

2010-05-14-01

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Amendment to Rule 601 of the South  
Carolina Appellate Court Rules

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## ORDER

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Pursuant to Article V, § 4 of the South Carolina Constitution, Rule 601(a) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules is amended to read as shown in the attachment to this order. This amendment shall be effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Jean H. Toal C.J.

s/Costa M. Pleicones J.

s/Donald W. Beatty J.

s/John W. Kittredge J.

s/Kaye G. Hearn J.

Columbia, South Carolina  
May 14, 2010

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**(a) Order of Priority as Between Tribunals.** In the event an attorney of record is called to appear simultaneously in actions pending in two or more tribunals of this State, the following list shall establish the priority of his obligations to those tribunals:

- (1) The Supreme Court.
- (2) The Court of Appeals.
- (3) The Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Commission on Lawyer Conduct, and the Committee on Character and Fitness.
- (4) The Circuit Court - General Sessions.
- (5) The Family Court - merits hearings involving child abuse, child neglect and termination of parental rights upon approval of the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the Family Court and notice to the Chief Judge for Administrative

Purposes for the Circuit Court five days prior to the term of the Circuit Court.

- (6) The Circuit Court - Common Pleas, Jury Term.
- (7) The Family Court – all cases not referenced in (5) above.
- (8) The Circuit Court - Common Pleas, Non-Jury Term.
- (9) The Administrative Law Court.
- (10) Alternative Dispute Resolution Conferences conducted pursuant to the SC Court-Annexed ADR Rules.
- (11) The Probate Court.
- (12) Magistrates and Municipal Courts.
- (13) Other Administrative Bodies or Officials.

When a party or his counsel is in the process of a hearing or trial before a tribunal, he may not be required to appear in another tribunal having greater priority unless the tribunal with less priority grants a recess or continuance for that purpose.

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