

Notice of Meeting
of the Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Under Practice Book Section 1-9B

Practice Book § 1-9B provides the Superior Court Rules Committee certain emergency powers in the event that the governor declares a public health emergency or a civil preparedness emergency pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 19a-131a and 28-9 or both. On March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency pursuant to his statutory authority. As such, and pursuant to Practice Book § 1-9B, on March 20, 2020, Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson called a meeting of the Superior Court Rules Committee at which the Rules Committee shall consider and shall have the power to adopt on an interim basis any new rules and to amend or suspend in whole or in part on an interim basis any existing rules concerning practice and procedure in the Superior Court that the committee deems necessary in light of the circumstances of the declared emergency.

In compliance with and furtherance of the actions taken by the Chief Justice pursuant to Section 1-9B of the Practice Book, a meeting of the Superior Court Rules Committee was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Because of the public health concerns raised by the current declared emergencies, and consistent with the spirit of Executive Order No. 7B issued by Governor Lamont which suspended in-person meeting requirements pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the meeting was conducted by the Committee electronically by teleconference and is available to the public through an audio recording posted on the Judicial Branch website.

At the meeting, the Rules Committee suspended the rules in Appendix A of this notice and adopted the new rule set out in Appendix B of this notice, effective immediately. Pursuant to Section 1-9B of the Practice Book, suspension of existing rules and the adoption of the new rule shall remain in effect for the duration of the declared emergency or until such time, as soon as practicable, as a meeting of the Superior Court Judges can be convened to consider a vote on the changes.

Hon. Andrew J. McDonald, Chair
Rules Committee of the Superior Court