ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in consultation with the Presiding Justices of

the Appellate Division, upon notice by the Presiding Judge of the Court of Claims, and, as

appropriate, in consultation with or with the approval of County Clerks, I hereby establish,

continue, or give notice of, programs for the consensual/voluntary and mandatory use of

electronic means for the filing and service of documents ("e-filing") in the manner authorized

pursuant to L. 1999, c. 367, as amended by L. 2009, c. 416, L. 2010, c. 528, L. 2011, c. 543, L.

2012, c. 184, L.2013, c. 113, L. 2015, c. 237, L. 2017, c. 99, L. 2018, c. 168, and L. 2019, c.

212, in the counties, courts, and cases in effect as of the date of this Order or upon the effective

dates set forth in Appendix A (e-filing matters) attached hereto. Such programs shall be subject

to sections 202.5-b, 202.5-bb, 206.5, 206.5-aa, 207.4-a, 207.4-aa, and 208.4-a of the Uniform

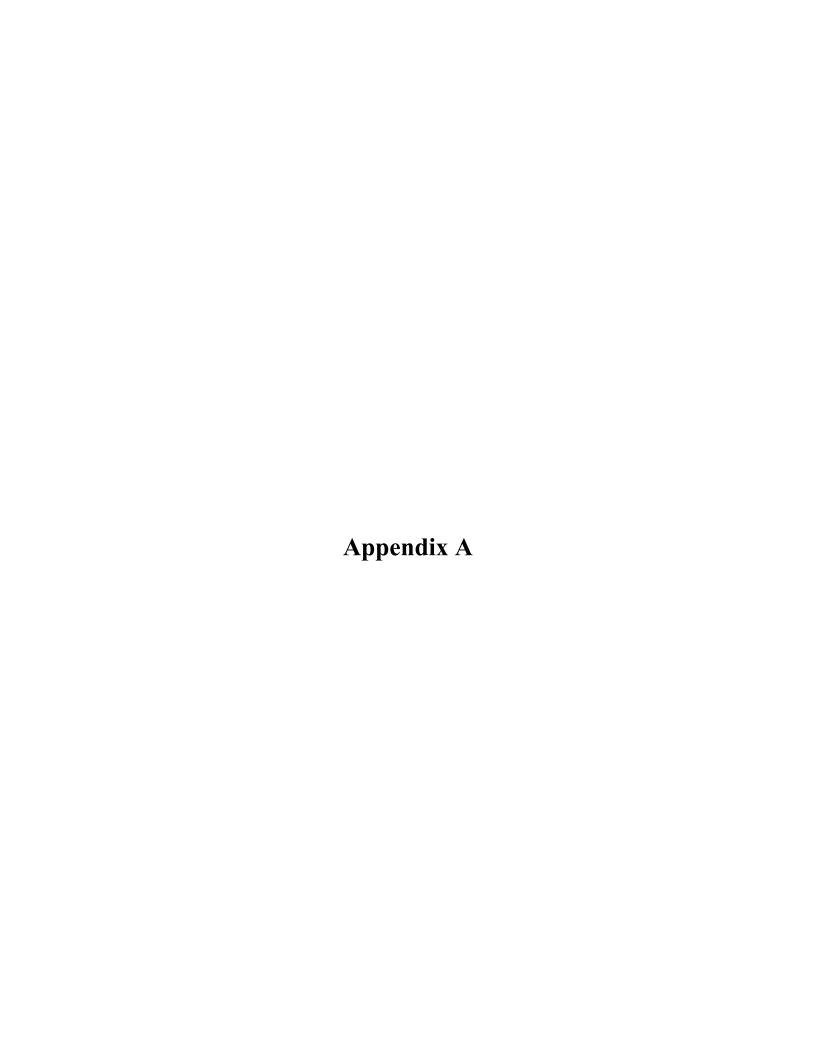
Rules for the New York State Trial Courts, as well as the rules relating to matrimonial matters in

Appendix B. This Order is effective June 1, 2020, and supersedes AO/245/19.

Dated: May 29, 2020

AO/116/20

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New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

(effective June 1, $\overline{2}020$)¹

I. Appendix A

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n.b.: Mandatory in Part – As used in Appendix A, the term "mandatory in part" refers to consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) and residential foreclosure actions as defined in RPAPL § 1304,, in which: (1) the electronic filing of commencement documents is mandatory, and (2) any party may e-file subsequent documents on a consensual basis.

II. Appendix B

Rules: Consensual E-Filing of Matrimonial Actions in Supreme Court

¹ For cases commenced prior to June 1, 2020, see AO/243/08, AO/244/08, AO/371/09, AO/395/10, AO/396/10, AO/507/10, AO/376/11, AO/468/11, AO/527/11, AO/529/11, AO/530/11, AO/531/11, AO/235/12, AO/236/12, AO/237/12, AO/238/12, AO/245/12, AO/112/13, AO/173/13, AO/222/13, AO/029/14, AO/64/14, AO/210/14, AO/049/15, AO/058/15, AO/194/15, AO/10/16, AO/79/16, AO/151/16, AO/224/16, AO/24/17, AO/84/17, AO/170A/17, AO/116/18, AO/192/18, AO/294/18, AO/040/19; AO/137/19; and AO/245/19, see also, AO/366/13 and AO/139/13 authorizing consensual matrimonial matters in Rockland and Westchester Counties, and administrative orders of the Court of Claims dated 12/31/02 and 6/3/13 (www.nycourts.gov/efile).

Albany	Mandatory in Part:
-	• consumer credit actions as defined
	in CPLR § 105(f)
	• residential foreclosures as defined
	in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters <u>except</u>
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	– Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consonsual/Voluntary
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Bronx	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters - consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) - residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are not Mandatory.

Broome	Mandatory:
	 all civil matters except
	 CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	 CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	 emergency medical treatment
	applications
	matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	 name change applications
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	RPTL § 730 proceedings
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.
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Chautauqua	Mandatory in part
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	 all civil matters <u>except</u>
	 – CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	 – CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	 matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

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Chemung	Mandatory in Part:	Columbia	Mandatory in Part:
	• consumer credit actions as		• consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)		defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	• residential foreclosures as		• residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304		defined in RPAPL § 1304
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	Mandatory:		Mandatory:
	 all civil matters <u>except</u> 		 all civil matters except
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings		– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	- CPLR Art. 78 proceedings		– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	– Election Law proceedings		 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters		– matrimonial matters
	– Mental Hygiene Law matters		– Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:		Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither		All civil matters that are neither
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	Mandatory nor Mandatory in		Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.		Part.

Chenango	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.

Clinton	• consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Cortland Mandatory in part • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304 **Mandatory:** • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings Election Law proceedings – matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Delaware	Mandatory in part
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	- CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	– Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	– Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

Dutchess	Mandatory in Part: •consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304 Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Erie	Mandatory: • all civil matters except
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings– Election Law proceedings
	- in rem tax foreclosures
	– matrimonial matters
	- Mental Hygiene Law matters
	- RPTL § 730 proceedings
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are not Mandatory.

Essex	Mandatory in Part: •consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Franklin	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part

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Genesee	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.

Jefferson	Mandatory in Part:
	consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	• residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	– Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

Kings	Mandatory: • Commercial Division matters (commercial cases as defined in 22 NYCRR § 202.70(a), (b), and (c)) • tort
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are not Mandatory.

Lewis	Mandatory in Part:
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	 – CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	 – CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	- Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Livingston	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Madison	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.

Monroe	Mandatory in Part:
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Nassau	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters - consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) - residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are not Mandatory.

New York	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters
	- Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are not Mandatory.

Niagara	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL §1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters - in rem tax foreclosures - RPTL § 730 proceedings
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

Oneida	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	 CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	 emergency medical treatment
	applications
	 matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	 name change applications
	– RPTL § 730 proceedings
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.

Onondaga	Mandatory:	Orange	Mandatory in Part:
C	• all civil matters except		• consumer credit actions as
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings		defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	- CPLR Art. 78 proceedings		 residential foreclosures as
	– Election Law proceedings		defined in RPAPL § 1304
	 emergency medical treatment 		
	applications		Mandatory:
	 foreclosure actions addressing 		• all civil matters except
	real property and mechanics liens		– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– matrimonial matters		– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters 		 Election Law proceedings
	 name change applications 		– matrimonial matters
	- RPTL § 730 proceedings		– Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:		Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not		All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory.		Mandatory nor Mandatory in
			Part.

Ontario	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Oswego	Mandatory in Part:
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	• residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
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	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	- in rem tax foreclosures
	– matrimonial matters
	– Mental Hygiene Law matters
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	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

Otsego	• consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Rensselaer	Mandatory in Part:
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	 – CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	- Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.
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Putnam	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Richmond	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	 matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	 applications to extend
	mechanics liens
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.

Queens	Mandatory:
	• commercial
	foreclosure actions (including
	commercial foreclosures)
	addressing real property and
	mechanics liens
	• tort (including medical, dental,
	and podiatric malpractice actions)
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.

Rockland	Mandatory:
	 all civil matters except
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.

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Saratoga	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	 residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters except
	- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	- Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Wentar Tryglene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Schuyler	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters.
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Seneca	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters.

Steuben	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters.

Suffolk	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - civil forfeiture actions - Election Law proceedings - emergency medical treatment applications - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters
	- name change applications Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Sullivan	Mandatory in Part:
	 consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	• residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters <u>except</u>
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	 matrimonial matters
	– Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

Tioga	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.

Tompkins	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304	Warren	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304
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	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.		Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.
Ulster	Mandatory in Part:	Washington	Mandatory in Part:
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	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Washington	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as
	defined in CPLR § 105(f)
	• residential foreclosures as
	defined in RPAPL § 1304
	Mandatory:
	• all civil matters <u>except</u>
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

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Wayne	Mandatory in Part: • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as defined in RPAPL § 1304 Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	 Election Law proceedings matrimonial matters Mental Hygiene Law matters
	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Westchester	Mandatory:
	 all civil matters except
	– CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
	– CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
	- Election Law proceedings
	– matrimonial matters
	 Mental Hygiene Law matters
	 Name change application
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.

Wyoming	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.

Yates	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters.

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SURROGATE'S COURT

Bronx	Consensual/Voluntary:
Broome	• probate and
Chenango	administration
Cortland	proceedings
Delaware	• miscellaneous
Kings	proceedings relating
New York	thereto
Nassau*	• such other types of
Orange	proceedings as the court
Otsego	may permit
_	may permit
Queens Richmond	Mandatawy Nama
	Mandatory: None
Tompkins	C 1/57 1 4
Albany	Consensual/Voluntary:
Allegany	• such types of
Cattaraugus	proceedings as the court
Cayuga	may permit
Chautauqua	
Dutchess	Mandatory:
Erie	• probate and
Franklin	administration
Fulton	proceedings
Genesee	miscellaneous
Herkimer	proceedings relating
Jefferson	thereto
Livingston	
Monroe	
Montgomery	
Niagara	
Oneida	
Onondaga	
Ontario	
Orleans	
Oswego	
Saratoga	
Schenectady	
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Warren	
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Wayne Westchester	
Wyoming	
Yates	

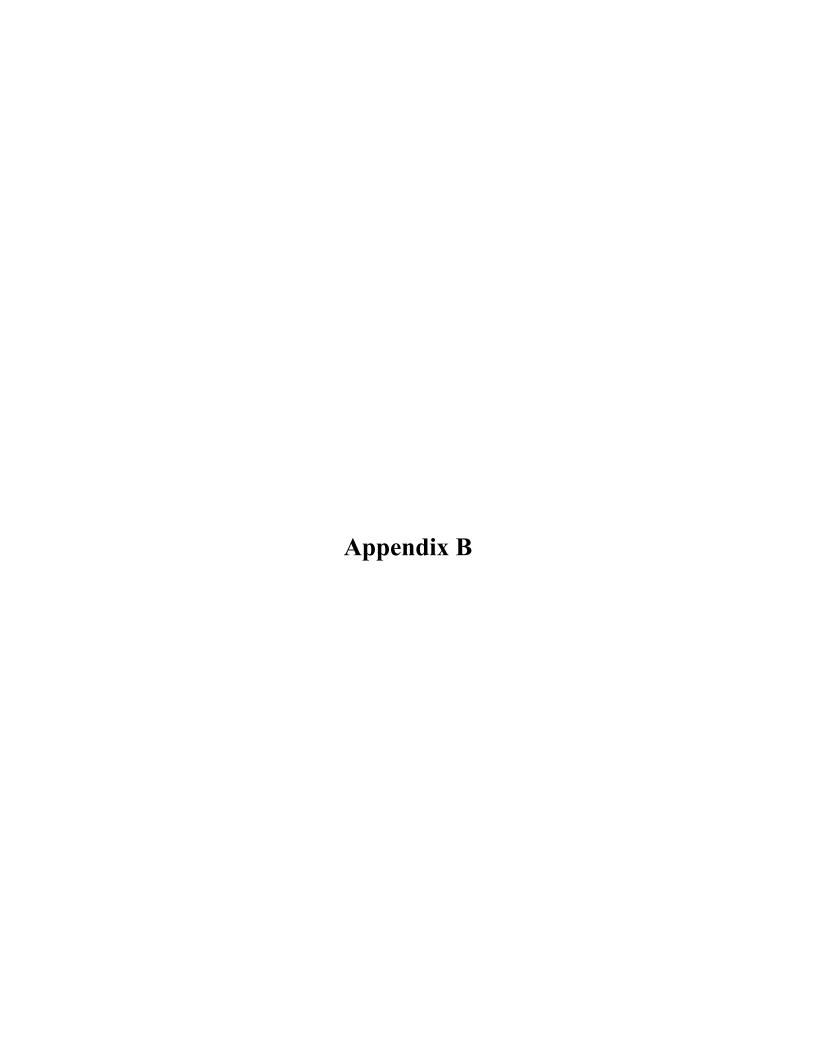
COURT OF CLAIMS

Albany District	Consensual/Voluntary:
(Albany, Clinton,	 claims for personal injury
Columbia, Essex,	or property damage
Franklin, Greene,	
Rensselaer,	Mandatory: None
Saratoga,	
Schenectady,	
Ulster,	
Warren,	
Washington)	
New York District	
(Bronx, Kings,	
Nassau, New	
York, Queens,	
Richmond,	
Suffolk)	

CIVIL COURT

New York City	Consensual/Voluntary:
	actions brought by a
	provider of health services
	specified in Insurance Law
	§5102(a)(1) against an
	insurer for failure to comply
	with rules and regulations
	promulgated by the
	Superintendent pursuant to
	Insurance Law §5108(b)
	• actions removed from New
	York County Supreme Court
	pursuant to CPLR § 325(d)
	(See AO/292/17.)
	 actions removed from
	Queens County Supreme
	Court pursuant to CPLR §
	325(d) (See AO/408/18.)
	Mandatory: None

^{*}effective June 29, 2020



APPENDIX B

Rules Governing the Consensual Electronic Filing of Matrimonial Actions in Supreme Court

(a) Application

- (1) On consent, documents may be filed and served by electronic means in matrimonial actions in the Supreme Court of authorized counties subject to the conditions set forth below. Except as otherwise required by this order/appendix, the provisions of 22 NYCRR § 202.5-b shall apply.
 - (2) For purposes of this order/appendix:
 - (i) "Matrimonial actions" shall mean those actions set forth in CPLR § 105(p) and DRL § 236 wherein:
 - (A) the action is contested, and addresses issues including, but not limited to, alimony, counsel fees, pendente lite, maintenance, custody and visitation, child support or the equitable distribution of property; or
 - (B) the action is uncontested; or
 - (C) the action is a post-judgment application that either (1) addresses an underlying matrimonial action that was commenced electronically, or (2) is electronically initiated with the purchase of a new index number.
 - (ii) A "party" or "parties" shall mean the party or parties to the action or counsel thereto (as set forth in 22 NYCRR § 202.5-b(a)(2)(viii)) and the attorney(s) for the minor child(ren).
- (3) No paper or document filed by electronic means in a matrimonial action shall be available for public inspection on-line or at any computer terminal in the courthouse or the office of the County Clerk.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate existing personal service requirements as set forth in the domestic relations law, family court act or civil practice law and rules.
- (5) Unless otherwise directed by the court, forensic evaluation reports in custody, visitation and other matters concerning children shall not be filed electronically.
- (6) Service of the initiating documents in post-judgment applications subject to consensual e-filing must be effectuated in hard copy and accompanied by a notice regarding availability of electronic filing in post-judgment matrimonial proceedings on a form to be approved by the Chief Administrator. Proof of hard copy service shall be filed by electronic means.