VERMONT SUPREME COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF
February 2, 2018

The Family Rules Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2018, in the Hoff Lounge, Oakes Hall, Vermont Law School, to consider the following agenda:

1. Approval of draft minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2017, previously distributed.
2. Status of proposed and recommended amendments.

A. Application to Family Division of new V.R.C.P. 79.2, recommended to the Court on January 2, 2018, by Special Committee on Video and Cameras in the Court for consideration on March 8, 2018, to be distributed. Subcommittee (Ms.Reis, Judge Gerety, Judge Corsones, and Ms. Speidel) to report.

B. Proposed draft of V.R.C.P. 43(a), et al. (including V.R.F.P. 17), video and audio appearance, and proposed AO 47, Technical Standards, prepared by Special Committee on Video and Cameras in the Court, sent out for comment on January 24, with comments due on March 23, 2018. *See* https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/sites/default/files/documents/PROPOSED%20VRCP%2043%28a%29%2043.1%20VRFP%2017%20VRPP%2043%28b%29.pdf; and https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/sites/default/files/documents/PROPOSED%20Administrative%20Order%20No.%2047.pdf.

3. Consideration of *In re K.F.*, 2013 VT 39, note 2 (6/7/13) (request to develop procedure for addressing ineffective assistance of counsel claims by parents in TPR proceedings). Subcommittee (Ms. Racht, Judge Kainen, Mr. Pahl, Ms. Reynolds) to report.
4. V.R.F.P. 6. Amendments made necessary by Act 170 of 2013 (Adj. Sess.) concerning minor guardianships. Professor Wroth to report.
5. Joint subcommittee to consider possible amendments to Vermont Rules of Public Access concerning Family Division records. Subcommittee (Ms. Benelli, Ms. Racht, Ms. Reis, with the assistance of Mr. Woodward) to report.
6. Case manager's conference—issues raised by Judge Carroll. Ms. Racht to report on Oversight Committee views.
7. Adoption of Prisoner's Mailbox Rule for Family Rules. Professor Wroth to report.
8. Act 72 of 2017. An Act Relating to Juvenile Jurisdiction. (Section 7 directs the Supreme Court to consider adoption of appropriate rules by July 1, 2018.) Subcommittee (Mr. Pahl, chair; Ms. Racht; Ms. Reynolds) to report.
9. V.R.F.P. 18. Mediation. Concerns with requirement of V.R.F.P. 18(d)(1) regarding Family Division Program's list of mediators. Ms. Benelli to present draft of

clarifying language. Ms. Speidel to report on mediation with mediator objected to by a party

10. Status of Form 813-A. Judge Kainen to report.

11. Other business.

12. Dates of next meetings. Scheduled for May 4, September 7, and November 2, 2018.