STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
MARCH TERM, 2021

Order Promulgating Amendments to § 1 of Administrative Order No.29, Advisory Committee on Rules for Family Proceedings

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to Chapter II, §§ 30 and 37 of the Vermont Constitution, it is hereby ordered that § 1 of Administrative Order No. 29 be amended to read as follows (new matter underlined, deleted matter overstruck):

§ 1. An Advisory Committee on Rules for Family Proceedings of ~~seventeen~~ sixteen voting members is established consisting of one layperson with interest and expertise in family matters, the Secretary of the Agency of Human Services or the Secretary's designee, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee, a designee of the Department of State's Attorneys, the Defender General or the Defender General's designee, the chair of the Vermont Bar Association (VBA) corresponding standing committee (to the extent that one exists), ~~four~~ three lawyers from private practice with interest and experience in family matters, a designee of Vermont Legal Aid, a probate judge, a magistrate, a Superior Court clerk, and three superior judges. The designee of the Secretary, the State's Attorneys, the Defender General, the Attorney General and Vermont Legal Aid shall be subject to approval of the Supreme Court. Upon designation and approval, he or she shall be the only representative of the designator to participate in Committee proceedings. Whenever a designee resigns or the position is otherwise vacant, a successor designee shall be appointed and approved as provided above. Appointments shall be for a three-year term. All members, except the VBA representative and designees of the Secretary, Department of State's Attorneys, Defender General, Attorney General, and Vermont Legal Aid, may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms or parts thereof. Whenever a member resigns or the office is otherwise vacant, the Supreme Court shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. The chair shall be designated by the Supreme Court.

Reporter's Notes—2021 Amendment

Administrative Order 29, § 1 is amended to decrease the composition of the committee from seventeen to sixteen members by reducing the number of lawyers in private practice on the committee from four to three. The additional lawyer member was added in December 2017 and the current amendment reestablishes the committee size that existed prior to that amendment.

These amendments shall become effective immediately.

Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of March, 2021.

Signed by the Vermont Supreme Court

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

Beth Robinson, Associate Justice

Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

William D. Cohen, Associate Justice