

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Amendment to the South Carolina Appellate
Court Rules

Appellate Case No. 2021-000086

ORDER

Pursuant to Article V, § 4 of the South Carolina Constitution, the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules are amended to add Rules 611 and 612 as indicated in the attachment to this order. These amendments shall be submitted to the General Assembly as provided in Article V, § 4A of the South Carolina Constitution.

s/ Donald W. Beatty C.J.

s/ John W. Kittredge J.

s/ Kaye G. Hearn J.

s/ John Cannon Few J.

s/ George C. James, Jr. J.

Columbia, South Carolina
January 29, 2021

The South Carolina Appellate Court Rules are amended to add the following rules:

RULE 611
EMERGENCY MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS
OF COURT RULES

In response to a natural or man-made disaster, including but not limited to a hurricane, earthquake, flood, war or other armed conflict, riot, or pandemic, the Supreme Court of South Carolina may, by order, temporarily modify the requirements of court rules as may be necessary to respond to the disaster, including declaring days to be holidays for the purpose of computing time. The order may be applicable to the entire state or may be limited to the county or counties directly affected by the disaster. The order may be effective for up to ninety (90) days, and the order may be extended for such additional periods of ninety (90) days or less as the Supreme Court may determine is appropriate. A copy of any order issued under this rule shall be provided to the Chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees.

RULE 612
USE OF REMOTE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

By order, the Supreme Court of South Carolina may provide for the use of remote communication technology by the courts of this State to conduct proceedings, including, but not limited to trials, hearings, guilty pleas, discovery, grand jury proceedings, and mediation or arbitration under the South Carolina Court-Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules. For the purposes of this rule, remote communication technology means technology such as video conferencing and teleconferencing which allows audio and/or video to be shared at different locations in real time. The use of this technology for oral argument and hearings before the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals is governed by Rules 218 and 240, SCACR.