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Supreme Court:

I oppose certain portions of the proposed rule changes!

The proposed Amendment would allow Judges to prevent attorneys from withdrawing within 90 days of trial (among other things). As stated in the GR9 "disclosure statement," this proposal is supported by the Superior Court Judges Association (SCJA) with the stated purpose of: (a) reducing judicial inconvenience, (b) avoiding disordered dockets, and (c) protecting pro se litigants from undue prejudice.

The proposed rule change may be counterproductive for the client and/or could put the attorney in an ethical bind. Fewer of us will chose to take on a case with a "questionable" client (financial or otherwise), which will result in fewer family law attorneys, driving up the costs for the litigant (supply and demand).

This rule would also shift the burden of labor from Judges (who get paid a salary) onto the backs of lawyers who would under the rule's enforcement be forced to work for free.



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