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 September 8, 2020 and supersedes AO/149/20 and AO/209/20.

Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: September 8, 2020

AO/209A/20

New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

(effective September 8, 2020)^t

I. Appendix A

Supreme Court	
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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 September 8, 2020, see AO/149/20, 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, AO170A/17, AO/116/18, AO/192/18, AO/294/18, AO/040/19; AO/137/19; AO/245/19, AO/81/20, AO/81B/20, AO/98/20 and AO/116/20; 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).

(Commenced on or after September 8, 2020) SUPREME COURT

Albany	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.

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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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.
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Cattaraugus	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.
Cayuga	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters.
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
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Consensual/Voluntary:
All civil matters that are neither
Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Chemung	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.

Columbia	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.

Chenango	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters.

Clinton	Mandatory in part • consumer credit actions as defined in CPLR § 105(f) • residential foreclosures as
	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.
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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

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 mattersMental 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.
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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 <u>except</u>
	- 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
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	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are not
	Mandatory.

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Onondaga	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - emergency medical treatment applications - foreclosure actions addressing real property and mechanics liens - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters - name change applications - RPTL § 730 proceedings Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are not Mandatory.	Orange	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.

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
	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
	Consensual/Voluntary:
	All civil matters that are neither
	Mandatory nor Mandatory in
	Part.

Otsego	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:
	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.

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.

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St. Lawrence	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.

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
·	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.
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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 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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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
	Mandatory: • all civil matters except - CPLR Art. 70 proceedings - CPLR Art. 78 proceedings - Election Law proceedings - matrimonial matters - Mental Hygiene Law matters		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.		Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters that are neither Mandatory nor Mandatory in Part.

Ulster	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.

Washington	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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- 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.	- a - 0 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1
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Wyoming	Consensual/Voluntary: All civil matters.

Yates	Consensual/Voluntary:	
	All civil matters.	

(Commenced on or after September 8, 2020)

SURROGATE'S COURT

Bronx	Consensual/Voluntary:
Broome	• probate and
Chenango	administration
Cortland	proceedings
Delaware	• miscellaneous
Kings	proceedings relating
Nassau	thereto
New York	• such other types of
Orange	proceedings as the court
Otsego	may permit, including
Queens	guardianships
Richmond	
Tompkins	Mandatory: None
Albany	Consensual/Voluntary:
Allegany	• such types of
Cattaraugus	proceedings as the court
Cayuga	may permit, including
Chautauqua	guardianships
Dutchess	
Erie	Mandatory:
Franklin	probate and
Fulton	administration
Genesee	proceedings
Herkimer	miscellaneous
Jefferson	proceedings relating
Livingston	thereto
Monroe	
Montgomery	
Niagara	
Oneida	
Onondaga	
Ontario	
Orleans	
Oswego	
Saratoga	
Schenectady	
Seneca	
Steuben Suffolk	
Sullivan	
Ulster	
Warren	
Washington	
Wayne	
Westchester	
Wyoming	
Yates	
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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:
	all Landlord and Tenant
	matters.
	- Effective 7/13/20
	New York County
	- Effective 8/10/20
	Kings County
	- Effective 9/8/20
	Bronx County and
	Harlem Community
	Justice Center
	- Effective 10/5/20
	Queens County and
	Richmond County
	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

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.