

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENT TO
MAINE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

2018 Me. Rules 16

Effective: September 1, 2018

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendment to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in the understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the Rule amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 7(e) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to read as follows:

RULE 7. PLEADINGS ALLOWED: FORM OF MOTIONS

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(e) Reply Memorandum. Within ~~7~~ 14 days of filing of any memorandum in opposition to a motion, or, if a hearing has been scheduled, not less than 2 days ~~prior to~~ before the hearing, the moving party may file a reply memorandum, which shall be strictly confined to replying to new matter raised in the opposing memorandum.

Advisory Note – September 2018

Rule 7(e) is amended to extend the deadline for a moving party to file a reply memorandum to 14 days from the filing of any memorandum in opposition to a motion; however, if a hearing has been scheduled on the motion, the deadline of not less than 2 days before the hearing is not changed. The rule is also amended for stylistic purposes, using the term “before” instead of “prior to.”

Dated August 8, 2018

FOR THE COURT,*

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* This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.