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Members of the Maine Bar

Re: Draft Rules for Civil Process Improvement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for the time and energy that you have given to the review of the proposals for civil process improvement. I write to invite your further input as we work to create the final changes to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

There are multiple steps necessary to assuring that the Court has thorough input before enacting any changes.

- The Court has received the input of the Civil Rules Advisory Committee.
- The Trial Judges have provided input to the Court.
- The first draft has been published for public consideration, and the Court has now received extensive written comments from the public, including a number of excellent suggestions for improving the proposals.
- On October 24 at 1:30, the Court will hold a public hearing to obtain additional input regarding the draft. We look forward to seeing many of you at that hearing.
- Immediately following that hearing, we plan to create a Stakeholders Working Group from the Bar that will consider and evaluate the various suggestions for improving the draft. The Group will be asked to provide, by the end of January 2019, an edited set of rules amendments that represent the unified recommendation of the Bar for civil process reform.

If you are interested in being included in the Stakeholders Working Group, and you are able to make the time commitment necessary to reviewing the proposals in detail, we now invite you to let us know of your interest. Please contact the Court at amanda.j.martin@courts.maine.gov, any time before the date of the public hearing, October 24, 2018.

Thank you again for your time and energy in serving Maine's people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Leigh I. Saufley".

Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

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