Update Effective July 2, 2026
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CHART: SUPREME COURT RULES REVISIONS

This chart, provided by the Clerk's Office for the convenience of counsel and litigants, summarizes key amendments to the Supreme Court Rules. The amendment effective July 2, 2026, is highlighted and redlined. Counsel and litigants remain responsible for consulting the specific rules.

I. GENERAL	
1-3.	Similar to the old rules.
4. ATTORNEYS, REGISTERED LAW STUDENTS, AND PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THE PROVISIONAL ADMISSION ORDER PRACTICING BEFORE THIS COURT	4(5). Identifies counsel of record; attorneys not listed must file a "Notice of Appearance." 4(9). Applicant must submit certificate of good standing from highest court of each jurisdiction, issued ≤30 days before filing.
5. FILING FEES	Makes filing fees information more specific, such as the handling of cases transferred from the Court of Appeals, prohibits the Clerk from filing applications or briefs without the required fees, and tightens up the criteria for accepting affidavits of indigence.
6. FRIVOLOUS APPEALS	6(2). Court may impose penalties for filings containing false or unsupported facts or legal citations. Clearly defines a frivolous case by listing three criteria; includes a provision that allows the Court to impose a penalty in appeals taken for delay pursuant to OCGA § 5-6-6.

7. CONTEMPT AND SANCTIONS	Expands the scope of violations and potential sanctions; clarifies that such sanctions may include contempt, and for attorneys, the revocation of the license to practice in this Court; moves the discourteous/disparaging remarks to this section.
II. FILINGS (8-29)	
8. NOTICE OF DOCKETING	Specifies how parties will be notified of docketing and how case numbers are structured.
9. SUPERSEDEAS	Provides more detailed requirements, including information about filing a motion to stay in the trial court and information and documentation to include in a motion for supersedeas filed in this Court.
10. BRIEFS OF THE PARTIES: TIME OF FILING	Similar to old rule on the filing the principal, response and reply briefs; adds briefing requirements for cases transferred from the Court of Appeals.
11. DUE DATE	Adds that the due date applies to all filings, including motions for reconsideration.
11.1. FILINGS AFFECTED BY JUDICIAL EMERGENCY ORDERS	No change.
12. EXTENSIONS OF TIME	Specifies what information must be included in the request for an extension of time, including the opposing party's position. 12(1). Removes petitions for certiorari from the "unusual circumstances" restriction. 12(2). Adds certiorari petitions and responses to this section along with merits briefs and changes several procedural requirements from "should" to "must."

13. DETERMINATION OF FILING DATE	Gives pro se filers the option to use electronic filing, distinguishes filing and docket date and clarifies that the rules regarding motions for reconsideration apply to pro se prisoners.
14. SERVICE	Allows electronic service.
15. NUMBER OF COPIES	Reduces the number of paper copies required for non-efilers.
16. TYPOGRAPHY	Allows for different font styles; specifies text alignment and line spacing.
17. DOCUMENTS: ELECTRONIC FILINGS	Sets out requirements for electronic document format, spacing, hyperlinks, and redaction. It also has information about submitting sealed documents and requires parties to redact certain personal information.
18. DOCUMENTS: PAPER FILINGS	Eliminates the requirement for stapling documents submitted in hard copy.
19. BRIEFS: ENUMERATION OF ERRORS AND JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT	Provides more specific guidance for the content and structure of briefs.
20. OTHER WORD AND PAGE LIMITATIONS	Changes from a page-based limitation to a word-based limitation and requires certification of word count. 20(8). Motions for extension of word or page limitations shall not exceed 1,500 words or three pages if typed or handwritten.
21. BRIEFS AND OTHER FILINGS: PAGE NUMBERING	Applies to all filings and numbers must be in Arabic.
22 BRIEFS: ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITY	Sets out guidelines for citing electronic records.
23. AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS	Adds that an amicus brief may be struck if it does not aid in the consideration of the issues presented on appeal.

24. SUPPPLEMENTAL BRIEFS	Clarifies that supplemental briefs ordered during oral argument can be filed without requiring an application; the response time for supplemental briefs is set at five days and cannot be used to expand the enumeration of errors.
25. SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD	Timeframe for parties to file their motions and documents related to supplemental records is reduced from 10 days to 5 days; the time for opposing parties to file their responsive briefs is reduced from 20 to 10 days; adds that parties must provide reasons for not raising the enumerations of error in the principal brief.
26. MOTIONS GENERALLY, MOTIONS TO DISQUALIFY, EMERGENCY MOTIONS, AND MOTIONS TO EXPEDITE	More comprehensive in addressing various types of motions, including emergency motions; provides clear timelines for certain actions and sets specific requirements for documentation.
26.1. CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS	Introduces filing a Certificate of Interested Persons (CIP); sets out what information should be included in the CIP and the responsibility of opposing counsel to review and supplement the CIP. *October:* Adds that cases transferred from the Court of Appeals must file a CIP.
27. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION	Word limit: 5,000 words; page limit: 10 pages for typed or handwritten motions. No response to a motion for reconsideration is required, but parties wishing to respond must do so expeditiously. Also adds that Court can limit the time for filing a motion for reconsideration in exceptional cases.
28. SUGGESTION OF DEATH	Language is more concise.
29. ELECTION CONTEST CASE	Emergency appeals must include: basis for

	challenge, jurisdictional statement (timing, jurisdiction, constitutional question if applicable), errors enumerated, efforts to expedite underlying case, and standing.
III. INTERLOCUTORY APPEALS	
30. REQUIREMENTS 31. STANDARD FOR GRANTING 32. RESERVED	Adds requirement for enumerating errors; clarifies that no oral argument will be considered; and introduces a third criterion related to setting a legal precedent.
IV. DISCRETIONARY APPEALS 33. REQUIREMENTS 34. STANDARD FOR GRANTING 35. RESERVED	Removes the third condition, "further development of the common law is desirable," and leaves only two conditions — reversible error and the establishment of precedent; clarifies that no oral argument will be considered.
V. POST-CONVICTION HABEAS CORPUS APPEALS; ORIGINAL PETITIONS 36. GENERAL PROVISIONS 36(2) Original Petitions	Provides requirements for structure and content of certificates of probable cause to appeal, specifies the need for relevant supporting materials, and adds clarity to the standard for granting such certificates. It also sets out guidelines for filing an original petition seeking to invoke the Court's original jurisdiction. Original petitions granted only in extremely rare circumstances; must explain necessity, provide sufficient supporting material, and include certificate of service.
VI. INTERIM APPELLATE REVIEW 37 ISSUES FOR REVIEW	Similar to the old rule.
VII. CERTIORARI 38-45.	Supplies more detailed guidelines for petitions and responses, clarifies the standard for granting certiorari, and provides specific word-count/page limitations for replies.

VIII. CERTIFIED QUESTIONS 46-48.	Adds that Court has the discretion to decline to answer a certified question and clarifies procedure; adds requirement that certifying court designate parties as appellant and appellee. Requires that the proposed question or questions be set out under a separate heading at the beginning of the petition, before any table of contents, table of authorities, or introduction.
IX. BAR DISCIPLINARY, BAR ADMISSIONS, AND JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION 49.	Clarifies procedure.
X. CALENDAR; ORAL ARGUMENT 50-55.	Rule 53: Opening statements: 2 minutes uninterrupted (unless sharing argument time); green light signals start of Q&A. Rebuttal: appellant may reserve up to 5 minutes in one-minute increments, requests due 2 weeks before argument; only one attorney may deliver rebuttal if sharing argument. 55(3). Specifies who may be seated at counsel table. Changes related to word limits, extensions, remote oral arguments, and courtroom decorum; adds a provision for remote oral argument requests.
XI. OPINIONS AND JUDGMENTS 56-61.	Adds that a motion to stay the remittitur filed after the remittitur has been transmitted will not be accepted for filing.
XIII. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION ACT 62-66.	Similar to the old rules.

XIII. THE APPELLATE RECORD 67-74.	Similar to the old rules.
XIV. MEDIA RULES 75-90.	Changes regarding the number of media representatives allowed and the location of cameras
XV. STUDENT PRACTICE RULE 91-96.	Similar to the old rules.
XVI. PROVISIONAL ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN GEORGIA 97-103.	Sets out a process for provisional admission for recent law school graduates and military spouses who already are licensed to practice law in a state other than Georgia.
XVII. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM RULES 104-106.	Similar to the old rules.
XIX. CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION 110-113.	Similar to the old rules.
XX. EXTENDED PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM 114-120.	Similar to the old rules.
XXI. PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOLLOWING DETERMINATION OF MAJOR DISASTER 121.	Similar to the old rules.
XXII. EFFECTIVE DATE 122.	Provides the revised Rules will go into effect on January 1, 2024, and will apply to all proceedings, unless the Court believes their application would be impractical or unfair, in which case the previous rule will still apply.