

# SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta    February 9, 2006

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.  
The following order was passed:

It is ordered that the Uniform Rules for the Juvenile Courts be, and hereby are, amended as follows:

Rule 7.2 (c) is amended by adding a new subsection 2. and numbering the original language of the Rule as subsection 1:

(c) Notice and Service.

1. The written ...

2. If the child is alleged to be a deprived child, or the subject of an action to terminate parental rights, in which it is alleged that the child was the victim of conduct by the parent or guardian which is a violation of the criminal laws of this state, and such parent or guardian has been charged as a defendant with the commission of such offense against the child, a request for discovery made by or on behalf of such parent or guardian shall also be served upon the district attorney having jurisdiction over the criminal case against the parent or guardian. The district attorney shall have an opportunity to be heard prior to entry of an order allowing discovery.

Rule 25.3 is amended by adding a new subsection 4 and substituting the word "include" for "state" in the body of the rule, to read as follows:

**Rule 25.3 Entry of Appearance.** No attorney shall appear in that capacity before a juvenile court until he or she has entered an appearance by filing a signed entry of appearance form or by filing a signed pleading in a pending action, except those representing the state or appointed by the court. An entry of appearance and all pleadings shall include:

- (1) the style and number of the case;
- (2) the identity of the party for whom the appearance is made;
- (3) the name, assigned state bar number, and current office address and telephone number of the attorney; and
- (4) an affidavit or verified petition attached to the pleadings disclosing any related matters pending before another court and acknowledging the on-going obligation, as provided by Rule 25.5, to notify the court regarding any such related matters.

A new Rule 1.5 requiring judge training will read as follows:

**Rule 1.5 New judge orientation training.** Each person serving as juvenile court judge or associate juvenile court judge shall attend a new judge orientation program established by the Council of Juvenile Court Judges (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") and presented in conjunction with the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. The orientation program shall include a minimum of 16 hours

of training in curriculum areas specified by the Council standing committee on education and certification. New judges shall complete the training as soon as possible following their appointment, but in any event within two (2) years of becoming subject to the certification requirement provided in Rule 1.3. Any person serving as juvenile court judge or associate juvenile court judge prior to the effective date of this rule shall be exempt from its requirements. No judge pro tempore shall be required to attend the new judge orientation program except those who are subject to the certification requirement provided in Rule 1.3. The new judge orientation program shall be administered by the Council standing committee on education and certification in keeping with this rule and any additional guidelines established by such standing committee in order to implement the purposes of this rule.