



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta October 11, 2012

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

It is ordered that Rule 34 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia be hereby amended by deleting a phrase at the end of subsection (4), so that amended Rule 34, effective October 11, 2012, shall read as follows:

Rule 34. STANDARD FOR GRANTING. An application for leave to appeal a final judgment in cases subject to appeal under OCGA § 5-6-35 shall be granted when:

- (1) Reversible error appears to exist;
- (2) The establishment of a precedent is desirable;
- (3) Further development of the common law, particularly in divorce cases, is desirable; or
- (4) The application is for leave to appeal a judgment and decree of divorce that is final under OCGA § 5-6-34 (a) (1) and timely under OCGA § 5-6-35 (d) and is determined to have possible merit.

An application filed by an attorney seeking to rely on the standard set forth in Rule 34 (4) must be accompanied by a certificate of good faith stating as follows:

“I, the undersigned attorney of record in the above-styled case, am a member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing and make this certificate of good faith as required by Rule 34 of the Supreme Court of Georgia. I hereby certify that I am familiar with the trial court record in the above-styled case and, based on the record and my understanding of the applicable law, I have a good faith belief that this application has merit and that it is not filed for the purpose of delay, harassment, or embarrassment. I further certify that I have been authorized by my client, the applicant, to file this application. This the _____ day of _____, 20__.”

If the application is nevertheless found to be frivolous, a sanction of up to \$2,500 may be imposed upon the attorney filing the application. See Rule 6.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from
the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto
affixed the day and year last above written.

Thirice A. Bame, Clerk