

COURT NOTICES

AMENDMENT OF RULE Rules of the Chief Judge

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and upon consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, and with the approval of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, I hereby amend, effective immediately, section 25.16(a) of the Rules of the Chief Judge, relating to the nondiscrimination policy of the court system, to read as follows:

§25.16 Equal Employment Opportunity

(a) It is the policy of the New York State Unified Court System to ensure equal employment opportunity for all employees and applicants for employment, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex (including freedom from sexual harassment), sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, *military status*, or, in certain circumstances, prior criminal record. No person shall be prevented from qualifying for employment in any position in the unified court system because of any of these factors, unless these factors are bona fide occupational qualifications.

AMENDMENT OF RULE Rules of the Chief Judge

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, and with the approval of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, and in accordance with Chapter 13 of the Laws of 2003 prohibiting smoking inside places of employment, I hereby repeal, effective July 24, 2003, Part 39 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, entitled "Smoking Policy for New York State Unified Court System," and I hereby adopt, effective July 24, 2003, a new Part 39 to read as follows:

PART 39 PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

Smoking is prohibited anywhere in any facility or other indoor area used by courts or agencies of the Unified Court System. This includes courtrooms, offices, cafeterias, lounges, restrooms, elevators, hallways and vehicles.

AMENDMENT OF RULE Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

The Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court, pursuant to the authority vested in them, do hereby amend, effective immediately, section 1500.5(b)(2) of Title 22 of the Official Compilations of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, relating to the application of the rules for mandatory continuing legal education, as follows:

§1500.5 Waivers, Modifications and Exemptions

(b) Exemptions. The following persons shall be exempt from the requirements of New York's continuing legal education program:

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(2) Full-time active members of the United States Armed Forces *and members of the military service of the state serving on active duty*;