State of New York Court of Appeals



Court of Appeals Hall Albany, New York 12207

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Pursuant to Article VI, § 28(c) of the State Constitution and section 211 of the Judiciary Law, 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 24.5(d), 24.6(f), (h), (k), and (l) and add section 24.6(m) of the Rules of the Chief Judge, by adding the underlined material and deleting the stricken material, relating to Workers' Compensation leave and Other leaves with pay as follows:

Section 24.5 Workers' compensation leave.

(d) An employee required to serve a waiting period pursuant to subdivision subsection (b) of this section subdivision shall have the option of using accrued leave credits or being placed on leave without pay. When an employee has charged credits, upon receipt of documentation from the State Insurance Fund issuing a credit for the time charged, the employee shall be entitled to restoration of credits charged proportional to the net monetary award credited to the Unified Court System by the Workers' Compensation Board. In the event the restoration of credits is not sufficient to restore the full amount of accrued leave used during the waiting period, the State shall credit to the employees' leave accruals the difference between the accrued leave used and the Workers' Compensation Board Credit.

Section 24.6 Other leaves with pay.

(f) <u>Bereavement Leave</u>. Death in the immediate family. Leave of up to four consecutive workdays (not to exceed a total of 28 work hours) shall be allowed immediately following the death of an employee's spouse; domestic partner; natural, foster or step: parent, child, brother or sister; father-in-law or mother-in-law; grandparent or grandchild; or any relative residing with the employee or an individual for whom the employee has been the primary earegiver. Leave of up to two consecutive workdays (not to exceed a total of 14 work hours) shall be allowed immediately following the death of an employee's son-in-law or daughter-in-law. Prior notice and authorization is not required for leave under this subdivision. When a death in an employee's family occurs while the employee is on annual leave, such time as is excusable for death in the family shall not be charged to annual leave.

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- (1) Leave of up to four consecutive workdays (not to exceed a total of 28 work hours) shall be allowed immediately following the death of an employee's spouse; domestic partner; natural, foster or step: parent, child, brother or sister; father-in-law or mother-in-law; parent of a domestic partner; grandparent or grandchild; any relative residing with the employee; or an individual for whom the employee has been the primary caregiver.
- (2) Leave of up to two consecutive workdays (not to exceed a total of 14 work hours) shall be allowed immediately following the death of an employee's son-in-law or daughter-in-law.
- (3) Leave of up to one day (not to exceed a total of 7 work hours) shall be allowed immediately following the death of an employee's brother-in-law or sister-in-law.
- (4) In exceptional cases where the deceased is unavailable for burial or services, or when there is a delayed memorial service, the Chief Administrator (or his/her designee) may, in his/her discretion, upon an employee's request, waive the requirement that bereavement leave is subject to the terms set forth in subsections (1) through (3) above.
- (5) Prior notice and authorization is not required for leave under this subdivision. When a death in an employee's family occurs while the employee is on annual leave, such time is excusable for bereavement leave and shall not be charged to annual leave.

(h) Extraordinary Circumstances.

- (1) An employee who has reported for duty and, because of extraordinary circumstances beyond his or her control, is directed to leave work, shall not be required to charge such directed absence during such day against leave credits. An employee who does not report for duty because of circumstances beyond his or her control shall not be required to charge such absence during such day against leave credits if the court or other facility where the employee is required to report is closed due to extraordinary circumstances. Any release or excusal of employees due to extraordinary circumstances does not create any right to equivalent time off by employees not adversely affected by the extraordinary circumstances. Only the administrative authority may direct employees to leave work.
- (2) Employees who are required to work when the court or facility where they report to work is closed due to extraordinary circumstances shall be credited with compensatory time for the time they worked.
- (k) Leaves for medical screening. An employee shall be entitled to leave with pay for breast <u>cancer screening</u>; and/or prostate cancer screening; and/or other types of cancer screening. Employees shall also be entitled to leave with pay for and bone marrow screening and donation.
- (l) The Chief Administrator of the Courts or his or her designee may grant leaves with pay for reasons not itemized in this Part. Leave for New York State Bar examination. Upon application to the administrative authority, together with proof satisfactory to the State, employees registered to take the New York State Bar examination shall be allowed two

days leave with pay to take the Bar examination and, if necessary, one day leave with pay to review the results of such examination.

(m) The Chief Administrator of the Courts or his or his designee may grant leaves with

pay for reasons not itemized in this Part.

Chief Judge of the State of New York

Attest:

Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Dated: April 30, 2019

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