

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend Section 202.70 of the Uniform Rules for the Supreme and County Courts (Rules of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court) by amending Section 202.70(b)(1) and adding a new Rule 9-b to Section 202.70(g), effective immediately, to read as follows (additions underlined).

Section 202.70 Rules of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court

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(b) Commercial cases

Actions in which the principal claims involve or consist of the following will be heard in the Commercial Division provided that the monetary threshold is met or equitable or declaratory relief is sought:

(1) Breach of contract or fiduciary duty, fraud, misrepresentation, business tort (e.g., unfair competition), or statutory and/or common law violation where the breach or violation is alleged to arise out of business dealings (e.g., sales of assets or securities; corporate restructuring; partnership, shareholder, joint venture, and other business agreements; technology transactions and/or commercial disputes involving or arising out of technology; trade secrets; restrictive covenants; and employment agreements not including claims that principally involve alleged discriminatory practices);

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(g) Rules of practice of the Commercial Division

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Rule 9-b. Referees. Counsel should be aware that in accordance with CPLR 4301 and 4317(a), on consent of the parties, and with the agreement of the Court, any person may be appointed by the Court to act in place of the assigned Supreme Court Justice, to determine any or all issues or to perform any act, with all the powers of the Supreme Court.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Date: February 14, 2024

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