

State of New York
Court of Appeals



Court of Appeals Hall
Albany, New York 12207

Rowan D. Wilson
Chief Judge

**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 January 1, 2028, paragraph (g) of Section 17.1 of the Rules of the Chief Judge, by adding the underlined material, to read as follows:

Section 17.1. Visitation of facilities for detention, treatment, examination, and confinement, and visitation of residential facilities for children detained and placed under the Family Court Act

(g) During the visit, upon request, judges should have the opportunity to have conversations with incarcerated persons, employees and service providers, including mental health service providers, of all facilities described herein, members of any grievance committee within the facility and, if available, family members visiting the facility. Such conversations should be as private as possible consistent with security concerns. Nothing in this rule shall require or permit a judge to participate in any meeting with any incarcerated person with a case currently pending before such judge, to provide legal advice to an incarcerated person or to discuss any pending case with an incarcerated person.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rowan D. Wilson".

Chief Judge of the State of New York

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Davis".

Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Dated: May 20, 2026
AO/03/26

