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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

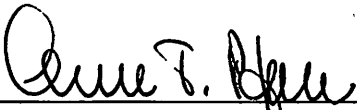
Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, Rule 1 of section 202.70 (g) of the Uniform Rules for the New York State Trial Courts (Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division), addressing the appearance by counsel with knowledge and authority, to read as follows:

Rule 1. Appearance by Counsel with Knowledge and Authority.

(a) Counsel who appear in the Commercial Division must be fully familiar with the case in regard to which they appear and fully authorized to enter into agreements, both substantive and procedural, on behalf of their clients. Counsel should also be prepared to discuss any motions that have been submitted and are outstanding. Failure to comply with this rule may be regarded as a default and dealt with appropriately. See Rule 12.

**(b) Consistent with the requirements of Rule 8(b), counsel for all parties who appear at the preliminary conference shall be sufficiently versed in matters relating to their clients' technological systems to discuss competently all issues relating to electronic discovery. Counsel may bring a client representative or outside expert to assist in such discussions.**

(c) It is important that counsel be on time for all scheduled appearances.

  
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Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: 7/27/10

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