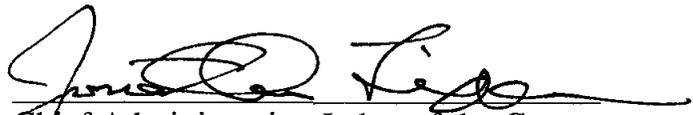


ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, section 202.5 of the Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme and County Courts, to add a new subdivision (c) relating to papers filed in court to read as follows:

(c) Papers filed to commence an action or special proceeding. For purposes of CPLR 304, governing the method of commencing actions and special proceedings, the term "clerk of the court" shall mean the county clerk. Each county clerk, and each chief clerk of the Supreme Court, shall post prominently in the public areas of his or her office notice that filing of papers in order to commence an action or special proceeding must be with the county clerk. Should the county clerk, as provided by CPLR 304, designate a person or persons other than himself or herself to accept delivery of the papers required to be filed in order to commence an action or special proceeding, the posted notice shall so specify.


Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: February 20, 2004

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