

BRIEFS AND ARGUMENTS

RULE 1:12. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective February 27, 1975.
RULES 1:13 TO 1:16. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective July 1, 1981.

RULE 1:17. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective February 27, 1975.

QUORUM

RULES 1:18 AND 1:19. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective July 1, 1981

ORAL ARGUMENTS

RULE 1:20. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective July 1, 1981.

RULE 1:21. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective February 27, 1975.

OUTLINE BILL OF EXCEPTIONS

RULE 1:22. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective July 1, 1981.

FELONY APPEALS

RULE 1:23. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective July 1, 1981.

RULES 1:24, 1:25. [RULE NUMBERS RESERVED]

SITTINGS

RULE 1:26. SITTINGS FOR HEARING QUESTIONS OF LAW

(Applicable to all cases.)
Sittings of this court pursuant to G.L. c. 211A, § 4, shall be held at Boston on the second and third Mondays of October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May, and at such other places or times as the chief justice of this court from time to time may order.
Amended November 27, 1972; amended February 26, 1975, effective February 27, 1975.

RULE 1:27. [REPEALED]
Repealed effective July 1, 1981.

RULE 1:28. SUMMARY DISPOSITION
(Applicable to all cases.)

At any time following the filing of the appendix (or the filing of the original record) and the briefs of the parties on any appeal in accordance with the applicable provisions of Rules 14(b), 18 and 19 of the Massa-

achusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure, a panel of the justices of this court may determine that no substantial question of law is presented by the appeal or that some clear error of law has been committed which has injuriously affected the substantial rights of an appellant and may, by its written order, affirm, modify or reverse the action of the court below. The panel need not provide an opportunity for oral argument before disposing of cases under this rule. Any order entered under this rule shall be subject to the provisions of Rules 27 and 27.1 of the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure. If, in a brief or other filing, a party cites to an order issued under this rule, the party shall cite the case title, a citation to the Appeals Court Reports where issuance of the order is noted, and a notation that the order was issued pursuant to this rule; in addition, a party citing such an order shall include the full text of the order as an addendum to the brief or other filing. No such order issued before February 26, 2008, may be cited.

Adopted June 25, 1975, effective September 8, 1975. Amended February 28, 1978, effective March 2, 1978; amended

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effective September 25, 1980; amended April 28, 1998, effective September 1, 1998; amended November 25, effective January 1, 2009.

RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF PRACTICE BEFORE A SINGLE JUSTICE

RULE 2:01. PRACTICE BEFORE A SINGLE JUSTICE

(General.)

Any matter which is within the jurisdiction of this court, whether originally entered or transferred to this court under the provisions of G.L. c. 211, § 4A, and which might otherwise be disposed of by a single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, shall be filed with the clerk of this court and shall be heard and determined by a single justice of this court in accordance with the same rules, practices and procedures which would govern if the same matters were heard and determined by a single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The Massachusetts Rules of Civil or Appellate Procedure shall apply to any matter which would be subject thereto if it were being heard and determined by a single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; and any other matter shall be heard and determined in accordance with the rules, practices and procedures of the Supreme Judicial Court which would be applicable thereto if it were being heard and determined by a single justice of that court.

A determination of any of the foregoing matters by a single justice of this court may be reviewed by a panel of other justices of this court in the same manner and to the same extent that the determination of a like matter by a single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may be reviewed by the full court of the Supreme Judicial Court. As to such review in civil matters, see paragraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 1 of the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Amended February 26, 1975, effective February 27, 1975.

RULE 2:02. REVIEW UNDER RULE 15(C) OF THE MASSACHUSETTS RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

(Applicable to civil cases.)

The review of the action of a single justice which is afforded by the last sentence of paragraph (c) of Rule 15 of the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure shall be by a panel of other justices of this court, shall be claimed by an appeal to such a panel, and shall be prosecuted in the same manner as if the single justice were the "lower court" within the meaning of paragraph (c) of Rule 1 of said Rules. See paragraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 1 of said Rules.

Adopted February 26, 1975, effective February 27, 1975.

RULE 2:03. SPECIAL MASTERS AND COMMISSIONERS

(Applicable to all cases.)

A majority of the justices of this court may designate special masters and commissioners to deal with specified cases or with such matters as may be referred to them by a written order of a single justice or of a panel of the justices. The acts of such special master and commissioner, when confirmed or approved by a single justice or by a panel of the justices, as the case may be, shall have all the force and effect of a decision by a single justice or by a panel of the justices.

Adopted April 30, 1976, effective May 5, 1976.

RULE 2:04. [REPEALED]

Repealed May 1 2006, effective July 1, 2006.