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Superior Court Complex Commercial Litigation Division adopts new rules to handle cases more efficiently

The Superior Court of Delaware has adopted a series of new civil rules for its growing Complex Commercial Litigation Division (CCLD) to more efficiently manage cases and more closely follow similar procedures in its sister court, the Delaware Court of Chancery.

The CCLD was created in 2010 to handle cases involving commercial disputes that include a claim by any party with an amount in controversy of \$1 million or more, complimenting the work of the Delaware Court of Chancery. New civil actions filed in the CCLD, which has five judges assigned to it, have more than doubled over the past five years, rising from 122 actions in 2020 to 285 actions in 2025.

The new civil rules adopted by Superior Court are designed to bring more consistency to how cases are handled, improve efficiency, and help avoid confusion among practitioners who are already familiar with the Court of Chancery's procedures.

"This is an important step in the maturation of the Complex Commercial Litigation Division, and I want to thank everyone on the CCLD and Superior Court Rules Committees for their hard work on these policy improvements," said Superior Court Judge Meghan A. Adams, the Chair of the CCLD and Civil Administrative Judge. "I am certain these rules will help the CCLD continue with its remarkable growth."

The new Superior Court rules include:

- Rule 141 (Scope of Complex Commercial Litigation Rules)
- Rule 142 (Public Access to Documents Filed with the Court in CCLD Actions)
- Rule 143 (Amended and Supplemental Pleadings in CCLD)
- Rule 144 (Additional Procedures for Filing Discovery Motions in CCLD)
- Rule 145 (CCLD Motions)
- Rule 146 (CCLD Briefs)

A more detailed [discussion of the new rules](#), and the [rules themselves](#) can be found on the Superior Court's website.