

Announcement
Amendment to Rule 11 of the
Family Court Rules of Criminal Procedure

By Order dated July 18, 2018 and effective 30 days after notice is given to the Bar, the Delaware Family Court has amended Rule 11 of the Family Court Rules of Criminal Procedure. In February of 2017, Family Court created Criminal Rule 44.1 to recognize the important role that an attorney serves for juveniles involved in delinquency proceedings and to provide safeguards to ensure that constitutional and procedural rights of juveniles are protected. To avoid any confusion between Criminal Rule 44.1 and Criminal Rule 11, Family Court has amended Criminal Rule 11 to provide that only adults waive their right to counsel when the Court accepts a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.