

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Re: Amendments to Rule 14(e), South Carolina Rules of
Family Court

Appellate Case No. 2021-001035

ORDER

Pursuant to Article V, § 4A of the South Carolina Constitution, Rule 14(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Family Court is amended as set forth in the attachment to this order. These amendments shall be submitted to the General Assembly as provided in Article V, § 4A of the South Carolina Constitution.

s/ Donald W. Beatty C.J.

s/ John W. Kittredge J.

s/ Kaye G. Hearn J.

s/ John Cannon Few J.

s/ George C. James, Jr. J.

Columbia, South Carolina
February 1, 2022

Rule 14(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Family Court is amended to provide:

(e) Service; Proof of Service.

(1) Personal Service. The rule to show cause shall be served with the supporting affidavit or verified petition by personal delivery of a duly filed copy thereof to the responding party by the Sheriff, his deputy or by any other person not less than eighteen (18) years of age, not an attorney in or a party to the action. If served by the sheriff or his deputy, he shall make proof of service by his certificate. If served by any other person, he shall make affidavit thereof.

(2) Acceptance of Service. No other proof of service shall be required when acceptance of service is acknowledged in writing and signed by the person served or his attorney, and delivered to the person making service. The acknowledgement shall state the place and date service is accepted.

Note to 2022 Amendment:

This amendment specifies the manner of proof of personal service, which is consistent with the requirements of Rule 4(g), SCRCP. The amendment also permits a person to accept service of a rule to show cause in a manner consistent with Rule 4(j), SCRCP, in which case no other proof of service is required.