

**VERMONT SUPREME COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR PUBLIC
ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS**

Meeting Agenda for September 12, 2025

1. Chair Tomasi: Meeting Opening

Announcements and General Discussion.

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 2, 2025 meeting.

3. Possible Amendments to Rules 7(a)(3) and 7(a)(4)(B)

Following Courthouse News case, civil filings are made public without court review. These Rules address post hoc efforts to correct/redact records that should not have been made publicly accessible. Rule 7(a)(3) seems to require Court Administrator action, and the other Rule seems to cabin judicial action to limited circumstances and limited relief. In its March 2025, the Second Circuit remanded to the district court to reconsider the injunction it had issued. The Committee decided to wait to change any rules until the case is finally resolved. Any updates? Need to keep as future agenda item?

4. Public-Access Status of Inquests, Subpoenas Duces Tecum, and Nontestimonial Orders

Discuss draft amendment to Rule 6 and Reporter's Notes, which were circulated to the Committee prior to meeting for review.

5. New Business; Set Next Meeting