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To: All Court Officials

From: John W. Smith

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Smith", written over the printed name "John W. Smith".

Re: Suspension of Rule 5(b) by the Chief Justice

This is to inform you that the Chief Justice has suspended Rule 5(b) of the Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts concerning cover sheets until the matter can be reviewed by the Supreme Court in Conference. Therefore, the current local custom and practice concerning cover sheets may remain in effect pending further directives from the Supreme Court.