



## Supreme Court of Illinois

December 23, 2022

### **SUPREME COURT AMENDS APPELLATE RULES FOR PRETRIAL FAIRNESS ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court announced today amendments to Supreme Court Rules 46, 604, 605, 606, and 607, as well as M.R. 31582, *In re: Record on Appeal for Hearings Conducted Pursuant to the Pretrial Fairness Act* and amendments to Notices of Appeal. These amendments to appellate rules are for the upcoming implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act (PFA) on January 1, 2023.

Rule 46 is Official Record of Proceedings and the amendment is a new paragraph (e), titled the Pretrial Fairness Act, and states: if a hearing under the Pretrial Fairness Act is conducted by means of two-way audio-visual communications or other electronic recording system pursuant to this rule, the audio or audio-visual recording shall be used as the report of proceedings for the purpose of appeals where specifically authorized by Supreme Court Rule or order.

The amendments to Rules 604, 605, 606, and 607 clarify language of the Rules for PFA implementation.

The amended Rules are effective immediately and are available [here](#).

The Order addresses hearings conducted by means of two-way audio-visual communication or other electronic recording system and the use of the audio-visual recording as the report of proceedings for the purpose of appeal, in order to implement the PFA.

The Order is effective immediately and is available [here](#).

The Notices of Appeal clarify language for PFA implementation for both the State as the Appellant and for the Defendant as the Appellant.

The changes to the Notices of Appeal are effective immediately and the new forms are available [here](#).

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