



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT AMENDS RULE ON REJECTED FILINGS

Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court announced today an amendment to Supreme Court Rule 9 which seeks to address the impact that a rejected filing can have on a filer if it were to delay a filing beyond a set deadline, such as those set by statute or rule.

The new rule *requires* the trial and reviewing courts to allow a back-dated filing so long as the new filing corrects the old one and an application is made within 5 court days. Previously, Rule 9(d) allowed two avenues for those seeking to overcome a rejected filing and both required “good cause shown.” This proved to be a difficult standard to apply, and filings were rejected and thus rendered untimely.

“Only about 5% of filings are rejected. But when the rejected filing is time sensitive, substantive rights can be affected,” said Fourth District Appellate Justice Eugene G. Doherty, chair of the Supreme Court e-Business Policy Advisory Board. “The rule amendment gives filers a clear process to avoid that outcome.”

The amended rule is effective immediately.

The Amended Illinois Supreme Court Rules can be found [here](#).

The amended rule was proposed by the Supreme Court E-Business Policy Advisory Board (Board). Created in November 2014, the Board is charged with providing recommendations, advice, and guidance to the Supreme Court and Administrative Office regarding implementation of e-Business applications and data exchanges in the Illinois circuit courts.

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