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With the approval of the Appellate Court Administrative Committee and its chair, Hon. Bertina Lampkin, we submit the following revision to our proposal 25-01 insofar as the proposed amendment to Rule 13 is concerned.

Our proposal is intended to provide clarity as to when an attorney's appearance as counsel ends. Our original proposal was to add the following new subsection (8) to Rule 13(c):

(8) Period of Representation. An attorney's appearance in a civil or criminal case continues until the time for filing an appeal on behalf of the client expires, except as to a limited scope appearance as provided in Supreme Court Rule 13(c)(6) or the attorney withdraws an appearance according to Supreme Court Rule 13(c)(2), (3), (4), and (7).

However, we realized that there may be dates over the course of a case in which a notice of appeal from an *interlocutory* order is due. Our intention, however, was to provide a clear point at the *end* of the case at which the attorney's appearance lapses. We therefore amend our proposal concerning a new Rule 13(c)(8):

(8) Period of Representation. An attorney's appearance in a civil or criminal case continues until the time for filing an appeal **from the final judgment** on behalf of the client expires, except as to a limited scope appearance as provided in Supreme Court Rule 13(c)(6) or the attorney withdraws an appearance according to Supreme Court Rule 13(c)(2), (3), (4), and (7).

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