

Message to the OSB re: UTCR Amendments and Notice Seeking Public Comment

Every year the Uniform Trial Court Rules (UTCR) Committee meets to consider amendments to Oregon's Uniform Trial Court Rules. Rule amendments approved in the normal course by the Chief Justice, or by the Supreme Court if required by statute, are adopted by Chief Justice Order (CJO) or Supreme Court Order (SCO), and become effective on August 1 each year. The Chief Justice will also consider rule amendments proposed to become effective out of the normal cycle, upon a showing of good cause. These amendments are approved by CJO and become effective on the date specified. The online link is here: http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/docs/programs/utcr/2016_UTCR_Preface.pdf

The following Supreme Court Orders and Chief Justice Orders adopt new rule changes that become effective August 1, 2016:

[SCO 16-018](#) adopts a normal cycle UTCR amendment to UTCR 19.020 (Supreme Court rule) that becomes effective August 1, 2016.

[CJO 16-019](#) adopts the normal cycle UTCR amendments that become effective August 1, 2016.

[CJO 16-027](#) adopts out-of-cycle amendments to UTCR 21.040, 21.060, 21.070, and 21.100, as well as to the title of Chapter 21, that become effective August 1, 2016.

[CJO 16-029](#) adopts an out-of-cycle amendment to UTCR 5.100 that becomes effective August 1, 2016.

Please note: Amendments related to UTCR Chapter 21 were developed in the normal cycle and approved by CJO 16-019. Subsequent out-of-cycle amendments to Chapter 21 were approved by CJO 16-027. The effective date of the rules amended by each of these CJOs is August 1, 2016. The amendments to UTCR Chapter 21 approved by CJO 16-027 incorporate the amendments to UTCR Chapter 21 previously approved by CJO 16-019 and otherwise supersede those amendments where any wording conflicts. The UTCRs published to the OJD website on August 1, 2016, will reflect the final version as approved by CJO 16-027.

Opportunity for Public Comment: The UTCR Committee is seeking comment on the out-of-cycle amendments to UTCR 5.100, 21.040, 21.060, 21.070, and 21.100. To view the amendments and process for submitting public comments, please [click here](#). Please submit comments by 5:00 p.m., on September 1, 2016. Comments will be reviewed by the UTCR Committee at its next meeting, currently scheduled for October 14, 2016.

Repeal of SLR Chapter 24: In addition, Chief Justice Balmer has signed [CJO 16-031](#), which repeals Supplementary Local Rules (SLR) Chapter 24 in all judicial districts, effective August 1, 2016. In light of statewide implementation of the Oregon eCourt Program, the 2016 UTCR (effective August 1, 2016) has been amended to include provisions equivalent to those contained in SLR Chapter 24. For additional information, please [click here](#).