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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE AMENDMENT OF RULE 6-9(b)(5)
OF THE RULES OF THE SUPREME
COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS

Opinion Delivered June 6, 2019

PER CURIAM

Today, we announce an amendment to Rule 6-9(b)(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Today's amendment clarifies that, when computing time periods in Rule 6-9, Rule 6(a) of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure applies only to the time periods contained in subsections (a)-(d) of Rule 6-9. All other time periods in Rule 6-9 shall be calculated on a calendar-day basis except when the Rule expressly provides for business-day computation. This amendment brings the text of the Rule in line with the clerk's practice since the adoption of Rule 6-9 in 2006 and in line with the Rule's purpose of "curtail[ing] extensions[] and establish[ing] time lines in order to expedite the appellate process." See *In re Rules of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Proposed Amendment to Rules 6-9 & 6-10*, 374 Ark. App'x 556 (2008) (per curiam); *In re Adoption of Rules 6-9 & 6-10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court & Court of Appeals in Dependency Neglect Cases*, 366 Ark. App'x 628 (2006) (per curiam).

We hereby amend and republish Rule 6-9(b)(5). The amendment is effective immediately and is set out in “line-in, line-out” fashion below (new material is underlined; deleted material is lined through).

Rule 6-9. Rule for Appeals in Dependency-Neglect Cases

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(b) *Notice, Indigency, and Time for Appeal.*

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(5) In computing time periods in Rule 6-9(a)(d), Ark. R. Civ. P. Rule 6(a), which provides in part that when the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than fourteen (14) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation, shall apply. All other time periods in Rule 6-9 shall be calculated on a calendar-day basis except when the rule expressly provides for business-day computation.