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SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER LITIGATION IN FLORIDA

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In May 2024, with an amendment in early December, the Florida Supreme Court approved the creation of one new rule of civil procedure and modified 13 others. These changes take effect January 1, 2025 and some of them apply to existing cases as well as those filed after January 1st. The changes are intended to streamline and compress the timelines for civil litigation, while making certain procedures identical or nearly identical to the procedures used in Federal court. The changes will not only affect how attorneys litigate in Florida's state courts, but will also flow through to clients with new disclosure requirements affecting when clients must provide documents and information to counsel and new deadlines affecting how quickly clients must advance litigation. Gone are the days of filing suit and seeing what happens—litigants must be prepared to move quickly whether the plaintiff or defendant.

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