

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
October 5, 2018

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 32.1, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, and the appendix thereto, be amended to read in accordance with Appendix A to this order and that the Committee Comments to the Amendment to Rule 32.1, Effective October 5, 2018, be adopted to read in accordance with Appendix B to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule 32.1 and the adoption of the Committee Comments to Rule 32.1 are effective immediately;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 32.1:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 32.1 and adopting the Committee Comments Effective October 5, 2018, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from ___ So. 3d."

Stuart, C.J., and Bolin, Parker, Shaw, Main, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, and Mendheim, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand this 5th day of October, 2018.



Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

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APPENDIX A

Rule 32.1

Domestic Relations and Child Support Information Sheet.

This rule, as adopted effective July 1, 1998, shall apply to all filings made on or after July 1, 1998.

A "domestic relations/child support information sheet" (see the form attached as an appendix to this rule), shall accompany the filing of each complaint, petition, answer, or motion to intervene in a divorce action, an action seeking to establish or to modify child support, or an action to determine paternity. Each party, or if the party is represented by counsel, the party's attorney, shall complete the domestic relations/child support information sheet and print his or her name and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided at the bottom of the sheet before filing it with the court. However, the failure to file the domestic relations/child support information sheet when the complaint, petition, answer, or motion to intervene is filed shall not affect the validity of the action or the date of the commencement of the action.

If the complaint, petition, answer, or motion to intervene is presented to the clerk of the court without a properly completed domestic relations/child support information sheet, the clerk shall accept the complaint, petition, answer, or motion to intervene and inform the person filing it of the requirements of this rule, and each party, or, if a party is represented by counsel, then the party's attorney, shall promptly file a completed domestic relations/child support information sheet.

If a party fails to comply with the requirements of this rule, the court in which the action is pending may make such orders as it believes are just, including issuing an order staying the proceedings until the domestic relations/child support information sheet is filed, or, after proper notice, dismissing the action; and, in lieu of any other orders, or in addition to any orders, the court may treat the failure to comply with the requirements of this rule as contempt of court.

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____, ALABAMA
(Circuit or District) (Name of County)

Plaintiff v. _____
Defendant

Information Concerning the Parties:

Plaintiff (Mother, Father, Other _____) or
Other party (Specify) (_____)

Defendant (Mother, Father, Other _____) or
Other party (Specify) (_____)

Address (including city, state, and zip code):

Address (including city, state, and zip code):

Telephone No: _____

Telephone No: _____

Last four numbers of Social Security No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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Last four numbers of Social Security No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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Sex: _____

Sex: _____

Place of Employment (if applicable) and Address of
Employer (including city, state, and zip code):

Place of Employment (if applicable) and Address of
Employer (including city, state, and zip code):

Work Telephone No: _____

Work Telephone No: _____

Are there minor children under the age of 19 who are subject to this action? Yes No

If you marked yes, you must complete the following information.

Information Concerning the Minor Child(ren): Name(s)	Address(es)	Sex(es)	Date(s) of Birth	Last four numbers of Social Security Number(s)
_____	_____	_____	_____	***_**_
_____	_____	_____	_____	***_**_
_____	_____	_____	_____	***_**_
_____	_____	_____	_____	***_**_

THE CHILD SUPPORT REFORM ACT OF 1997, CODIFIED AT § 30-3-190 ET SEQ., ALA.CODE 1975, REQUIRES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES MAINTAIN THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN THE RECORD FOR ALL PARTIES IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS, SUPPORT, OR PATERNITY ACTIONS. THIS INCLUDES GRANDPARENTS OR OTHERS WHO MAY EITHER INITIATE AN ACTION OR INTERVENE IN AN EXISTING ACTION.

Completed By _____ Date Completed: _____
(Print Name)

Daytime Phone No.: _____

APPENDIX B

Committee Comments to Amendment to Rule 32.1
Effective October 5, 2018

To reflect the use of the child support information sheet in paternity actions and other domestic-relations cases, the amendment renames the "child support information sheet" the "domestic relations/child support information sheet." The information sheet must be filed by both parties in all domestic-relations actions, even those in which the parties have no minor children. In that event, the parties will check the box marked "No" following the question: "Are there minor children under the age of 19 who are subject to this action?" and need not complete the block of information concerning minor children.