

Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions

Introduction.

The Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions were drafted at the request of the Alabama Legislature that the Alabama Supreme Court adopt procedures "to promote the prompt, efficient, and cost-effective resolution of civil actions" in certain civil cases. Act No. 2012-492, Ala. Acts 2012, codified at Ala. Code 1975, § 6-1-3. Pursuant to this request, and by the power bestowed upon the Supreme Court of Alabama by Article VI, § 150, Alabama Constitution of 1901, a task committee and the Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure drafted proposed rules, which were submitted to the bench and bar for comment in the January 2014 volume of *The Alabama Lawyer*. The Alabama Supreme Court, after further consideration and revision, has adopted these Rules to establish a voluntary, efficient, and just procedure to expedite civil actions to which these Rules apply.

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Note from the reporter of decisions: The order adopting the Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions effective January 1, 2017, including Justice Murdock's and Justice Shaw's special writings dissenting to that order, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from 200 So. 3d.