

Rules of Procedure for the Alabama Court of the Judiciary

Rule 10.

Rules of procedure and evidence to govern.

The process and procedure before the court shall be as simple and direct as reasonably may be. Except where inappropriate, or otherwise provided for by these rules, the provisions of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure and the rules of evidence used in civil cases in Alabama shall govern proceedings before the court; but the allegations of the complaint must be proved by clear and convincing evidence, and no judge may be compelled to give evidence against himself or herself; provided, however, that a judge who chooses to testify on his or her own behalf shall be subject to cross-examination.

[Adopted 3-11-74; Amended eff. 10-10-2001.]

Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rules 3, 6, 9, 10, and 16 and adopting Rule 27 effective October 10, 2001, as well as Justice Houston's writing dissenting in part from that order, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from 802 So.2d.