

Supreme Court

In re District Court Civil Rules :

ORDER

The revisions below to the District Court Civil Rules, approved by the judges of the District Court pursuant to G.L. 1956 (2012 Reenactment) § 8-6-2, are hereby approved by the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

D.C.R. 4(j) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Rule 4. Process, Attachment, Trustee Process, Arrest

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(j) Summons: Time Limit for Service. If service of the summons, complaint, Language Assistance Notice, and all other required documents is not made upon a defendant within ~~one hundred and twenty~~ three hundred and sixty-five (365) days after the commencement of the action, the court upon motion or on ~~its~~ the court's own initiative after notice to the plaintiff, shall dismiss the action without prejudice as to that defendant or direct that service be effected within a specified time; provided that if the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court shall extend the time for service for an appropriate period.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Suttell, C. J.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Goldberg, J.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Flaherty, J.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Robinson, J.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Indeglia, J.