

MEMO

TO: Carolyn Koegler, Secretary Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules
FROM: Abigail Albee, President Superior Court Clerk's Association
DATE: August 23, 2017

**RE: Change to Superior Court Civil Rule 7 or 11 and Superior Court
Criminal Rule 21**

The Superior Court Clerks request an addition to NH Superior Court Civil Rule 7 or 11 and NH Superior Court Criminal Rule 21. We propose that a sentence be added to both rules mirroring the language of USDC NH LR 7.1(a)(1) (see attached) that states:

All motions must contain the word "motion" in the title. Filers shall not combine multiple motions seeking separate and distinct relief into a single filing. Separate motions must be filed. Objections to pending motions and affirmative motions for relief shall not be combined in one filing.

The current rules, by omission, allow filers to combine requests for relief in one pleading. This practice complicates the case management record in Odyssey and is challenging for our staff to track significant time standards for the judges.

We would recommend that the additional language be added to the end of Criminal Rule 21, and that a new paragraph (g) be added to Civil Rule 7 or that a new paragraph (b) be added to Civil Rule 11.

US District Court, New Hampshire Local Rule 7.1(a)(1) reads as follows:

(1) Title and Content

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