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✓ Ms. Carolyn Koegler
Secretary, Advisory Committee on Rules
New Hampshire Supreme Court
1 Charles Doe Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Secretary Koegler,

I am writing to inform the Advisory Committee on Rules of the action taken by the Supreme Court regarding the Committee's recommendation to amend Circuit Court – Family Division Rule 3.11 to provide that the appearance of court-appointed counsel in abuse and neglect cases is deemed withdrawn thirty (30) days after the dispositional hearing, unless the court otherwise orders representation to continue and states the specific duration and purpose of the continued representation.

As you know, the Court issued an order requesting comment on the recommendations made in the Advisory Committee on Rules 2014 Annual report. The Court received numerous comments on the recommendation to amend Circuit Court – Family Division Rule 3.11. In light of the written comments it received on this proposal, the court held a hearing on the matter on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 and accepted oral comment on the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and all of the comments, the Court voted not to adopt the proposal to amend Circuit Court – Family Division Rule 3.11.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

Eileen Fox
Clerk, Supreme Court