

## **Rule 1. Scope, Title, and Purpose**

### **(a) SCOPE.**

(1) *In General.* These rules govern the procedure in actions brought in this court under D.C. Code §§ 11-1321 and 16-3901 to -3910 (2012 Repl. & 2017 Supp.).

(2) *Cases Certified for Jury Trial Under Rule 6.* When any case brought in the Small Claims and Conciliation Branch is certified to the Civil Actions Branch under Rule 6, the case must be scheduled for trial on an expedited basis and remains subject to these rules in all respects.

(3) *Cases Certified Under Rule 8.* When any case brought in the Small Claims and Conciliation Branch is certified to the Civil Actions Branch under Rule 8, it is subject in all respects to the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) **TITLE.** These rules may be known as the Superior Court Rules of Procedure for the Small Claims and Conciliation Branch and may be cited as “Super. Ct. Sm. Cl. R. \_\_\_.”

(c) **PURPOSE.** These rules should be construed, administered, and employed by the court and the parties to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding.

## **COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS**

This rule has been amended consistent with the stylistic changes to the civil rules. The citation for the Superior Court Rules of Procedure for the Small Claims and Conciliation Branch has been updated to conform to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Citation and Style Guide.