

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No.

IN RE SUPREME COURT AND
COURT OF APPEALS RULE 1-8

Opinion Delivered September 12, 2013

PER CURIAM

We recently adopted Rule 1-8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. See *In re Adoption of Supreme Court & Court of Appeals Rule 1-8. Courtesy Electronic Copies*, 2013 Ark. 256 (per curiam). The Attorney General has filed a motion requesting that the rule be modified to exempt the requirement of service on opposing counsel in subsection (f) for incarcerated pro se litigants. The Attorney General points out that service of electronic media on inmates raises serious safety and security concerns.

We believe that these concerns are well-founded and amend Rule 1-8(f) by adding the following: “Provided however, electronic media containing the PDF documents shall not be served on incarcerated pro se litigants.” The Certificate of Compliance has also been amended to conform with this change. We republish Rule 1-8(f) as set out below, and the amendment is effective immediately.

**ARKANSAS RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT
AND COURT OF APPEALS****RULE 1-8. Courtesy electronic copies.**

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(f) PDF documents shall be submitted on a Compact Disk (CD), Digital Video Disk (DVD), portable “flash” or “thumb” drive, or on other electronic media that may be commonly used for transporting digital information. Only one electronic media copy of PDF documents shall be submitted with the filing of the original paper documents. PDF documents shall not be submitted by email. Evidence of service upon opposing counsel of the electronic media containing the PDF documents must be furnished at the time of filing the original paper documents. Provided however, electronic media containing the PDF documents shall not be served on incarcerated pro se litigants.

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DOCUMENTS NOT IN PDF FORMAT****Certification: I hereby certify that:**

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