

**District of Columbia  
Court of Appeals**



No. M-259-18

BEFORE: Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge; Glickman, Fisher, Thompson,  
Beckwith, Easterly, and McLeese, Associate Judges.

**ORDER**

(FILED – November 1, 2018)

On consideration of the proposed amendments to Rule 49 (c)(8) of this court's rules, published for notice and comment on May 4, 2018, and the comments received concerning those proposed amendments, it is

ORDERED that, with minor revisions, the proposed amendments are hereby adopted, effective January 1, 2019. Clean and track-changes versions of Rule 49 (c)(8) as amended are attached to this order.

**PER CURIAM**

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