

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend the rules of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule VII, Section 8(b) be and is hereby amended to read:

RULE VII. Briefs

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Section 8.

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(b) Failure to file briefs timely in accordance with the above provision shall forfeit the right of the party, so failing, to orally argue the case before the Court. In its discretion, the Court may nonetheless allow oral argument by a party who has failed to file briefs timely. The other party or parties, if they have complied, shall be entitled to oral argument. However, all parties must file briefs in every criminal case.

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This rule shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter until amended or changed through further order of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of March, 2002.

FOR THE COURT:

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice

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