

CHAPTER 480

SUPREME COURT

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Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Attorney" means an attorney at law admitted to practice law in this state.

(c) "Document" means a document that is required or permitted to be filed with a court concerning an action that is to be commenced or is pending before the court.

Subd. 2. **Requirement.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 3, a document submitted by an attorney to a court of this state, and all papers appended to the document, must be submitted on paper containing not less than ten percent postconsumer material, as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 24b.

(b) A court may not refuse a document solely because the document was not submitted on recycled paper.

Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) Subdivision 1 does not apply to:

(1) a photograph;

(2) an original document that was prepared or printed before January 1, 1996;

(3) a document that was not created at the direction or under the control of the submitting attorney;

(4) a facsimile copy otherwise permitted to be filed with the court in lieu of the original document, provided that if the original is also required to be filed, it must be submitted in compliance with this section; or

(5) nonrecycled paper and preprinted forms acquired or printed before January 1, 1996.

(b) This section does not apply if recycled paper is not readily available.

History: 1995 c 247 art 1 s 58

480.30 JUDICIAL TRAINING.

Subdivision 1. **Child abuse; domestic abuse; harassment.** The supreme court's judicial education program must include ongoing training for district court judges on child and adolescent sexual abuse, domestic abuse, harassment, stalking, and related civil and criminal court issues. The program must include information about the specific needs of victims. The program must include education on the causes of sexual abuse and family violence and culturally responsive approaches to serving victims. The program must emphasize the need for the coordination of court and legal victim advocacy services and include education on sexual abuse and domestic abuse programs and policies within law enforcement agencies and prosecuting authorities as well as the court system.

Subd. 2. **Sexual violence.** The supreme court's judicial education program must include ongoing training for judges, judicial officers, court services personnel, and sex offender assessors on the specific sentencing statutes and sentencing guidelines applicable to persons convicted of sex offenses and other crimes that are sexually motivated. The training shall focus on the sentencing provisions applicable to repeat sex offenders and patterned sex offenders.

Subd. 3. **Bail evaluations.** The supreme court's judicial education program also must include training for judges, judicial officers, and court services personnel on how to assure that their bail evaluations and decisions are racially and culturally neutral.

History: 1995 c 226 art 2 s 6