Death of Attorney of Record

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Issued by: Edward B. McConnell
Administrative Director

It has come to the attention of this office that when the attorney of record in a pending case dies, some court clerks are insisting upon the filing of a substitution of attorney, signed by the executor or administrator of the deceased attorney, before recognizing the appearance of another attorney as attorney of record. This is neither necessary nor proper. The new attorney need only file an appearance indicating that the attorney of record has died and that he or she is the new attorney of record.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

EDITOR=S NOTE

This directive supplements the forerunner to R. 1:11. No change has been made to the original text.