

RULE 83. DEFINITIONS

Unless specified to the contrary, the following words whenever used in these rules shall have the following meanings:

(1) The word “court” shall include any judge or magistrate of the District Court, any justice of the Superior Court and any single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

(2) The word “clerk” shall mean the clerk of courts in and for the county or division in which the action is pending.

(3) The term “plaintiff’s attorney” or “defendant’s attorney” or any like term shall include the party appearing without counsel and the word “plaintiff” or “defendant” or any like term shall include the party appearing with counsel.

(4) The term “reporter” shall mean a court reporter or a transcriber of an electronically recorded record.

(5) The term “the docket” means the official list of court events and filings in a case. For purposes of electronic filing, the docket is called the “Registry of Actions.”

Advisory Note – November 2023

Rule 83 is amended to add subdivision (5) defining “the docket.”

Advisory Committee’s Notes

May 1, 2000

Subdivision (3) of the definitions is amended to recognize that the term plaintiff or defendant can include a party appearing with counsel.

Advisory Committee’s Notes

1993

Rule 83(4) is added to incorporate a definition of “reporter” in the Rules. As used in the simultaneous amendments of Rules 74(b)(1) and 74A(b), that term now includes both a stenographic court reporter and a person who

transcribes electronically recorded court proceedings. *See* Advisory Committee's Notes to those rules.

Reporter's Notes
December 1, 1959

This rule has no federal counterpart. It is included to permit simplicity of statement in numerous rules where the defined words are used.