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NOTICE TO THE CLERK, LITIGANTS AND THEIR COUNSEL

The adoption of the new rules of the Court in both civil and criminal matters requires the implementation of a policy respecting the destruction of exhibits produced with motions and books of authorities. Accordingly, article 331.9 *C.C.P.* will henceforth be applied with respect to these documents.

This article provides as follows:

Once proceedings are terminated, the parties must retrieve the exhibits they have filed, failing which the exhibits are destroyed by the clerk one year after the date of the judgment or of the proceeding terminating the proceedings, unless the chief justice or chief judge decides otherwise.

Where a party, on whatever grounds, seeks a remedy against a judgment, the exhibits that have not been retrieved by the parties are destroyed by the clerk one year after the date of the final judgment or of the proceeding terminating the proceedings, unless the chief justice or chief judge decides otherwise.

The form produced by a party for the determination of child support payments is excepted from the above rules.

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