ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, 22 NYCRR § 130-1.1a(b)(2)(ii), relating to the signing of papers, to read as follows (new material underlined; deleted material stricken):

Section 130-1.1a. Signing of papers

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- **(b)** Certification. By signing a paper, an attorney or party certifies that, to the best of that person's knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances:
- (1) the presentation of the paper or the contentions therein are not frivolous as defined in section 130-1.1(c) of this Subpart; and
 - (2) where the paper is an initiating pleading:
- (i) the matter was not obtained through illegal conduct, or that if it was, the attorney or other persons responsible for the illegal conduct are not participating in the matter or sharing in any fee earned therefrom; and
- (ii) the matter was not obtained in violation of section 1200.41-a [DR 7-111] Part 1200, Rule 4.5 of this Title.

Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: April 5, 2017

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