

~~[RULE 45A. SEAL OF SUPREME COURT]~~

~~[The seal of the Supreme Court shall contain the words “Supreme Court State of Nevada” on the upper part of the outer edge, preceded and followed by a star; and the words “Fiat Justitia” on the lower part of the outer edge, running from left to right; and in the center an eagle with its left wing displayed and the figure of the Goddess of Liberty, her left hand holding a liberty pole surmounted by a Phrygian cap, her right hand supporting a shield.]~~

REVIEWING COMMENT

SB 63, which was passed this year, amends the statutes regarding court seals. As amended, NRS 1.140, now reads:

1. Each court of justice in this State shall have a seal.
2. The Supreme Court shall adopt rules relating to the format of a seal required by subsection 1 and the use and storage of any such seal.

As a result of this amendment, the Supreme Court will have to adopt provisions regarding court seals that were previously contained in NRS 1.140-1.190. Since the rules regarding seals will apply to all courts of justice, and not just the appellate courts, it appears that the best place to adopt those rules will be in the SCR. In order to keep all of the rules regarding seals together, the subcommittee recommends repealing this Rule and including the language from this Rule, as well as language regarding the seal for the Court of Appeals, with the other rules regarding court seals to be added to the SCR. Repealing this Rule will not require renumbering other rules in the NRAP. The following is the language that the subcommittee suggests be added to the SCR.

SEALS OF THE APPELLATE COURTS

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(b) Court of Appeals. The seal of the Court of Appeals is the Nevada State Seal, as described in NRS 235.010.