

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 paragraphs 9 and 10 of subdivision (b) and paragraphs 2 and 6 of subdivision (c) of Section 202.70 of the Uniform Rules of the Supreme and County Courts (Rules of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court), effective November 3, 2025, to read as follows (deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underscored):

Section 202.70. Rules of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court

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(b) Commercial cases

Actions in which the principal claims and/or counterclaims involve or consist of the following will be heard in the Commercial Division provided that the monetary threshold is met, and for such actions that seek equitable or declaratory relief, satisfaction of the applicable monetary threshold shall be measured by the value of the object of the action. The “value of the object of the action,” which shall be assessed based upon the request for judicial intervention's Commercial Division addendum and the allegations contained in the operative pleadings at the time Commercial Division assignment is sought, means the value of the suit's intended benefit, the value of the right being protected, or the value of the injury being averted, whichever is greatest.

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(9) ~~Environmental insurance~~ Insurance coverage related to environmental damage or mass torts; provided, however, that a case presenting the underlying claim will not be heard in the Commercial Division merely as a result of being the subject of the coverage action;

(10) Commercial insurance coverage (~~e.g., directors and officers, errors and omissions, and business interruption coverage~~, including but not limited to coverage under policies insuring: (i) directors and officers; and (ii) liability, loss, or damage related to commercial property (including but not limited to cargo and stored property), commercial liabilities, errors or omissions, cyber activities, commercial representations or warranties, title to commercial property, and business interruption; provided, however, that a case presenting the underlying claim will not be heard in the Commercial Division merely as a result of being the subject of the coverage action;

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(c) Non-commercial cases

The following will not be heard in the Commercial Division even if the monetary threshold is met:


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(2) Cases seeking ~~a declaratory judgment as to~~ insurance coverage that does not qualify as coverage for environmental damage or mass torts or commercial insurance coverage, as defined in paragraphs (9) and (10) of subdivision (b) of this section (for example, cases seeking insurance coverage for personal injury or property damage under individual homeowners or individual auto policies;

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(6) ~~First party insurance claims and actions~~ Actions by insurers to collect premiums or rescind non-commercial parties; and

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Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Date: October 8, 2025

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