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Rule 3. Commencement Of Action.

A civil action is commenced by filing a complaint with the clerk of the proper court who shall note thereon the date and precise time of filing. However, an action shall not be deemed commenced as to any defendant not served with the complaint, in accordance with these rules, within 120 days of the date on which the complaint is filed, unless within that time and for good cause shown the court, by written order or docket entry, extends the time for service.

History Text:

History. Amended November 18, 1996, effective March 1, 1997; revised December 9, 2004, effective January 1, 2005

Associated Court Rules:

District Court Rules

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