TRANSCRIPT OF THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS (OATH) PUBLIC HEARING



DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: April 15, 2025

TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Video Conference

- 1. Leon Dawson: Good morning! My name is Leon Dawson, and I am an
- 2. Assistant General Counsel at the New York City Office of
- 3. Administrative Trials and Hearings, also known as OATH. Thank you
- 4. for attending today's hearing.
- 5. OATH is conducting this hearing in accordance with the
- 6. requirements of the City Administrative Procedure Act also known as
- 7. CAPA. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the
- 8. public on OATH's proposed rule to establish a process by which the
- 9. City Sheriff may move to amend a judgment to designate judgment
- 10. debtor by the correct legal name.
- 11. The Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) proposes to
- 12. add a new section to Subchapter F of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the
- 13. Rules of the City of New York to establish a process by which the
- 14. city sheriff may move to amend a judgment to designate a judgment
- 15. debtor by the correct legal name. This proposed rule is necessary in
- 16. order to implement New York City Administrative Code Section 7-551
- 17. (d) and provide the Office of the City Sheriff with a process to amend
- 18. a judgment and correctly identify a judgment debtor when: (1.) the
- 19. judgment identifies the debtor solely by their address or (2.)
- 20. The debtor's name is misspelled or contains errors.
- 21. OATH's authority for this rule is found in Section 7-551 (d) of the New
- 22. York City Administrative Code and Sections 1043, 1049, and 1049-a
- 23. of the New York City Charter.

- 24. The proposed rule was published in The City Record on
- 25. March 6, 2025. OATH e-mailed the rule to the Speaker of the City
- 26. Council; every member of the City Council; all community board
- 27. managers; the news media; as well as civic organizations. In
- 28. addition, OATH posted the proposed rule on OATH's website, the
- 29. New York City Rules website, and The City Record online website.
- 30. OATH has been accepting written comments on the proposed rule
- 31. since the date it was published in The City Record and will
 - 32. continue to accept written comments through the close of business
 - 33. today.
 - 34. At this hearing, you may present an oral statement concerning
 - 35. the proposed rule. Before you begin:
 - 36. Please state your name and affiliation whether you are with an
 - 37. agency, or the media, etc.
 - 38. Please slowly and clearly speak, so that your statement can be
 - 39. accurately recorded. Please limit your statement to no more than
 - 40. three minutes.
 - 41. Shortly after today's hearing, copies of all written comments
 - 42. received by OATH, concerning the proposed rule, and a
 - 43. summary of the statements given today, will be made
 - 44. available to the public on OATH's website. I am going to link the
 - 45. website in the chat so that you can access it, just a moment please.
 - 46. https://www1.nyc.gov/site/oath/about/legal-resources-and-rule-making.page
 - 47. Before issuing its Final Rule, OATH will carefully consider the

- 48. statements presented at today's hearing, as well as all written
- 49. comments received by the close of business today.
- 50. Now, the floor is open for comments. Again, before you begin
- 51. speaking: Please state your name and affiliation. Speak
- 52. slowly and clearly, so that your statements can be accurately
- 53. recorded and please limit your statement to no more than three
- 54. minutes.
- 55. Are there any comments?
- 56. I will keep this meeting open for 10 more minutes to receive any
- 57. comments from the public.
- 58. As there are no comments on OATH's Proposed Rule to establish a
- 59. process by which the City Sheriff may move to amend a judgment to
- 60. designate a judgment debtor by the correct legal name this meeting
- 61. is now adjourned. Thank you for attending.

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