

Rule 72. [Deleted].

COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS

To conform to a restructuring in the civil rules, the substance of Rule 72 has been moved to Rule 62-III.

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Rule 72 is intended to implement the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act of 1990 (D.C. Code §§ 15-351 - 15-357), which has been adopted by the District of Columbia. As a "Uniform Act," it should be construed to effectuate its general purpose to make consistent the law of all jurisdictions that enact it. Accordingly, where there are no interpretations of the Act's provisions in this jurisdiction, guidance may be found in the decisions of other jurisdictions that have adopted the Act. While the Act was intended to provide a simple and expeditious procedure to enforce a foreign judgment in the District of Columbia, it does not impair the right of a party to resort to the cumbersome prior practice of bringing suit to enforce a foreign judgment.

The Rule is not intended to preempt the provisions of other locally-adopted uniform acts dealing with Family Division matters. See the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (D.C. Code §§ 16-4501 - 4524); the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (D.C. Code §§ 46-701 - 726).