

Puerto Rico Agencies Adopt Paperless Notifications in Administrative Adjudicative Proceedings

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On August 4, 2020, Puerto Rico enacted Act 85 of 2020 (“Act 85”) to allow electronic notifications in adjudicative proceedings before the administrative agencies. The newly enacted law amends Sections 3.2, 3.4, 3.9, 3.14, 3.15 and, 3.16 of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

Act 85 expands the methods an agency may use to notify parties during an administrative proceeding. The purpose of the law is to speed up the process and to reduce the cost of administrative actions. Under Act 85, Puerto Rico agencies will be able to issue notifications via electronic mail in substitution or in addition to ordinary mail, during any part of the adjudicative proceeding, including notices of administrative hearings, orders and resolutions. Administrative hearings notices will be notified no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing.

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