

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Mandatory Online Attorney Annual Registration Beginning in 2016

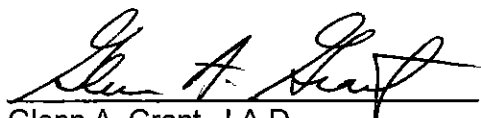
The Supreme Court has determined that beginning in 2016 all attorneys admitted to practice in New Jersey with a plenary license (Rule 1:27-1) or a limited, in-house counsel (IHC) license (Rule 1:27-2) must complete their annual attorney registration and pay the required annual fee online. Paper registrations no longer will be accepted from those attorneys, with limited exceptions as contained within this notice. For attorneys without a plenary or limited license who also are permitted to practice in New Jersey, such as attorneys admitted pro hac vice, multi-jurisdictional practitioners, and foreign legal consultants, the requirement to register and pay electronically will become mandatory no earlier than 2017.

The Supreme Court has determined that the only exceptions to mandatory online filing and payment will be special circumstances, defined as:

- (1) attorneys who certify they have a verifiable medical condition or disability that causes them to be unable to use or have access to a computer;
- (2) attorneys with a good standing status of "Disability Inactive" pursuant to Rule 1:20-12;
- (3) attorneys located in a country or region from which access to Judiciary systems and applications is barred by the Judiciary for security or other policy reasons;
- (4) attorneys who certify they are located in a geographic area or a facility where no access to the internet is possible or allowed;
- (5) attorneys who were admitted to the practice of law in New Jersey on or before December 31, 1965.

Although attorneys may qualify for an exception, the Judiciary encourages all attorneys to register online, if possible. Requirements and forms to apply for an exception from mandatory online registration will be available by the end of the year.

For concerns related to attorney annual registration and billing, please contact the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection at 855-533-FUND (3863) (select option 2) or CPF.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us.



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