NOTICE TO THE BAR

CHECKS RETURNED UNPAID THAT WERE USED TO PAY SUPERIOR COURT OR SPECIAL CIVIL PART FILING FEES – COLLECTIONS BY THE DIVISION OF REVENUE

This Notice is to advise the bar and the public of a change in the collections process for checks that are returned unpaid that are used to pay filing fees or other fees in the Superior Court, including the Special Civil Part. Effective July 1, 2012, the Division of Revenue in the New Jersey Department of the Treasury will assume responsibility for all collection efforts relating to returned checks. With this shift in responsibility, the Judiciary no longer will take steps to collect on such returned checks. Individuals or entities writing checks for the payment of Superior Court (including Special Civil Part) fees should be aware that the Division of Revenue has statutory authority to impose a $50 fee for each returned check that it receives. Additionally, the Division of Revenue makes use of collections agencies and state tax return offsets in recouping the amounts owed because of returned checks. The Division of Revenue will be responsible for all collection efforts relating to returned checks written on or after July 1, 2012, as well as for collections relating to such checks written prior to that date.

Hon. Glenn A. Grant
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