NOTICE TO THE BAR

MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION – CONCLUSION OF MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION (MCL) DESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER HEARING LOSS LITIGATION

In accordance with the provisions of Court Rule 4:38A and Directive #02-19, "Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised)," a previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on the recommendation of Superior Court Judge John C. Porto to conclude the MCL designation of the Firefighter Hearing Loss litigation. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the recommendation and having received no comments objecting to the conclusion, has concluded the MCL designation of all pending and future state-court litigation involving Firefighter Hearing Loss.

Published with this Notice is the Court's August 2, 2022 Order, which is posted with this Notice on the Judiciary's Internet Website at (www.njcourts.gov) in the Multicounty Litigation Information Center http://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/mcl/index.html.

Questions concerning the conclusion of the MCL designation of Firefighter Hearing Loss may be directed to Melissa A. Czartoryski, Esq., Chief, Civil Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 981, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0981; telephone (609) 815-2900 ext. 54900; email address: Melissa.Czartoryski@njcourts.gov

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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

The Supreme Court by Order dated September 26, 2017 designated all

New Jersey state court litigation alleging occupational hearing loss by

firefighters as a result of excessive noise exposure from certain fire engine

sirens manufactured by Federal Signal Corporation as multicounty litigation

and assigned that litigation to Atlantic County. The Court's initial Order has

since been amended as to the designated judge, including most recently by

Order dated April 15, 2019.

It is ORDERED that effective immediately, the designation of all New

Jersey state court Firefighter Hearing Loss litigation as multicounty litigation

is hereby concluded.

For the Court,

Chief Justice

Dated: August 2, 2022