

NOTICE TO THE BAR

2000-2002 Supreme Court Rules Committee Reports -- Publication for Comment

The Supreme Court invites written comments on the 2000-2002 reports of the Supreme Court rules committees. In those reports, the committees make numerous recommendations to the Supreme Court for rule amendments and other non-rule administrative actions. The reports of the following committees are published here for comment (in Acrobat PDF format):

The 2000-2002 reports of the Special Civil Part Practice Committee, the Committee on Minority Concerns, and the Committee on the Rules of Evidence will be published separately at a later date. We also anticipate receiving and publishing a supplemental 2000-2002 report from the Civil Practice Committee in a subsequent issue.

Please send any comments on the Committees' proposed rule amendments and other recommendations by **Monday, April 15, 2002** to:

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Comments on the Committee reports and recommendations may also be submitted via Internet e-mail to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov.

The Supreme Court will not consider comments submitted anonymously. Thus, those submitting comments by mail should include their name and address (and those submitting comments by e-mail should include their name and e-mail address). However, comments submitted in response to this Notice will be maintained in confidence if the author specifically requests confidentiality. In the absence of such a request, the author's identity and his or her comments may be subject to public disclosure.

The Supreme Court will conduct a hearing on the Committees' reports and recommendations on or about April 30, 2002 at a time and place to be announced in the future. We will publish further notices concerning that hearing in subsequent issues of this legal newspaper. In addition, we will be soliciting comments directly from bar associations and other attorney groups. The Court will likely act on the reports in June 2002, with any rule amendments likely to become effective September 1, 2002.