

# SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

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### **Assessment of Interpreter Fees by the Court - Vicinage 13**

This notice is an amendment to a previous notice issued by Judge Wilfred P. Diana on April 24, 1997. Vicinage 13 will continue to enforce the assessment of interpreter fees to attorney or pro se parties when unnecessary interpreting costs are incurred by the Court. Matters involving pro se parties will be reviewed on a case by case basis, taking into account whether they were clearly made aware in advance of the obligation to notify the Court of cancellations and considering their ability to pay.

The attorney or pro se party will be ordered to reimburse the Judiciary for part or all of the actual expenses for an interpreter if:

1. The matter is settled before the interpreters' services are needed and the party who requested the interpreter could have notified the Court in advance and such notice would have allowed for cancellation of interpreting assignment at no cost to the Court.

-or-

failed to appear

and

2. The attorney or pro se party who requested the interpreter;

- was negligent in providing such advance notice or had no reasonable grounds for failure to appear.
- was negligent in requesting an adjournment on the same date of the matter and could have notified the Court in advance of such request.

Robert E. Guterl, A.J.S.C.

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