SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Re: Proposal for Real Estate Law Certification

In Opinion 26 of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, 136 N.J. 323 (1995), the Supreme Court invited its Board on Attorney Certification to study a Special Master's suggestion that attorney certification in residential real estate law might be appropriate.

An Ad Hoc Committee was created to review the issues and develop a proposal. The Committee first recommended a three-part certification in real estate: residential, commercial, and land-use regulation. In 1999, the Court declined to approve that proposal and asked the Board to submit a more limited version.

The Board has submitted a <u>report</u> that recommends the establishment of a Real Estate Law Certification. Proposed rules and regulations are included. <u>The report is being published with this Notice</u>. Anyone wishing to comment on the Board's proposals should file them at the following address:

Clerk of the Supreme Court Hughes Justice Complex 25 W. Market Street P.O. Box 970 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0970

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by e-mail to:

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All comments must be in writing. The deadline for filing is October 16, 2001.

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.

Stephen W. Townsend, Esq. Clerk of the Supreme Court Dated: July 16, 2001

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