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## Notice to the Bar Re: Extension of Rule 2:12A to January 2, 2004

On November 19, 1999, the Supreme Court adopted Rule 2:12A, Certification of Questions of Law by the Supreme Court, for a period of two years, effective January 3, 2000. The Rule creates a mechanism by which the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit may petition the Court to certify a question of New Jersey state law. The Order of adoption further provided that the Court would evaluate its experience with the Rule in September 2001.

The Court has concluded that additional experience with the Rule will be necessary before a decision is made on whether the Rule should be retained permanently, in its present form or as modified. Accordingly, the Court has entered an Order, published herewith, extending Rule 2:12A for two additional years, through January 2, 2004, and until the further Order of the Court.

Stephen W. Townsend, Esquire  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Dated: September 18, 2001

### ORDER

The Supreme Court having entered an Order on November 19, 1999, adopting Rule 2:12A, Certification of Questions of Law by the Supreme Court, for a period of two years, effective January 3, 2000, and the Court having further Ordered that it would evaluate its experience with the Rule beginning in September 2001, And the Court having concluded that additional experience with the Rule is necessary before a decision is made on whether it should be retained permanently, in its present form or as modified; IT IS ORDERED that Rule 2:12A is extended for two additional years, through January 2, 2004, and until the further Order of the Court.

For the Court:  
Deborah T. Poritz C.J.  
Dated: September 17, 2001

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