

# ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to N.J. Const. Art. VI, '2, par. 3, effective January 1, 2002 nunc pro tunc and until further order, the provisions of Rule 5:2- 1(a) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey pertaining to venue are relaxed and supplemented so as to provide that venue for a petition filed for Kinship Legal Guardianship pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12A-1 to -6 and N.J.S.A. 30:4C-84 to -88 shall be in the county where the caregiver resides, except that, as set forth in Rule 5:2-1(d), in cases where there is a pending action for termination of parental rights under N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15, venue will be determined in accordance with Rule 5:9-1. . For the Court, /s/ Deborah T. Poritz Chief Justice Dated: January 3, 2002

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