

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Re: Errors in Attorney Registration Forms

Last week, the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection and the Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) distributed the annual mailing to all members of the Bar of New Jersey. The consolidated form includes sections that relate to the Fund, to the OAE, and to the Pro Bono Counsel Assignment Questionnaire. The mailing was the first to use a new computer program combining the databases of the three entities plus the new Automated Roll of Attorneys and errors occurred in the printing of some of the data on individual forms.

1. Name Changes/Corrections. The combination of multiple databases revealed that some attorneys' names were entered inconsistently. The printed forms are using attorney names as they appear in the Automated Roll of Attorneys, which is still under development. If your name does not appear correctly on the form, please fax a letter with the correct information to the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court at (609) 396-9056. (If you do not have access to a fax machine, mail the letter to the Office of the Clerk, POB 970, Trenton NJ 08625.) Note: If you have changed your name since you filed your 2001 Statement, please call (609) 984-7784 for instructions on how to register a name change on the Roll of Attorneys. Making either of these changes will ensure that your name is accurately recorded in the new, consolidated database.

2. Annual Attorney Registration Statement, Pro Bono Questionnaire, and Client Protection Form. Inspect all items very carefully before you sign and return the consolidated form with your payment. Make any necessary corrections as directed in each section for the Annual Attorney Registration Statement, the Pro Bono Questionnaire, and the Client Protection Form. The errors in the computer program used in the printing of the forms have been corrected. They do not appear in the underlying databases. To ensure the accuracy of individual information, however, we will use your corrections to verify our files.

We regret any inconvenience caused. On behalf of the affected entities, I extend our appreciation for your assistance in making certain that we have the correct data for every member of the Bar.

Stephen W. Townsend, Esquire
Clerk of the Supreme Court
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