

Corrections/Errata -- Supreme Court Committee Reports

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Civil Practice Committee (no corrections)

Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution

1. In the first sentence of the first paragraph of Section V(A), insert "1:40-8" after "CDR Rule".
2. In Section I(A), in the text of Rule 1:40-11, add underscoring to the following words: "or his or her designee" (first sentence); "process" (first sentence); "or his or her designee" (second sentence).

Criminal Practice Committee (no corrections)

Family Practice Committee (no corrections)

Municipal Court Practice Committee

1. In the Section I(D) text, insert the word "it" in the first sentence between "if" and "appears." The closing portion of that sentence thus should read: "permits a judicial officer to issue process if it appears that probable cause exists 'form the complaint, affidavit or deposition.'"
2. In Section I, the text shown for Rule 7:2-2(b)(5) is new and thus should be underscored ("the defendant cannot be satisfactorily identified"); former subsection (5) has been renumbered to be subsection (6).
3. In Section I, underscore the words "or Uniform Traffic Ticket (UTT)" in the second sentence of Rule 7:3-1(b)(1).
4. In Section I, underscore the words "or a Complaint-Traffic Warrant" in the third sentence of Rule 7:3-1(b)(1).

Professional Responsibility Rules Committee

1. Regarding the proposed amendments to RPC 1.8(e), in subsection (2) of the proposed text underscore the semicolon and the word “and” at the end of the subsection.
2. In the text of the proposed amendments to Rule 1:20-6(a)(1), in the fourth sentence of the first paragraph underscore the word “may” and the letter “s” at the end of the word “alternates”. In the second paragraph, delete the underscoring for everything except “when” and “has been filed”. In section (a)(2), the words “[T]hree members” should not be underscored except for the “t” in “three”. In section (c)(2)(E)(i), underscore the word “secretary” that precedes the bracketed material and the word “and” that precedes “the vice chair”.
3. Proposed amendment to Rule 1:20-21(e) -- This proposed amendment and the accompanying narrative were inadvertently omitted. Thus, after the proposed amendments to Rule 1:20-6, add the following narrative and proposed amendment (and add a reference to this in the table of contents):

Proposed Amendment to Rule 1:20-21(e) (Reinstatement After Final Discipline)

This proposed amendment merely corrects the address of the Chief Counsel of the Disciplinary Review Board as set forth in Rule 1:20-21(e).

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1:20–21. Reinstatement After Final Discipline

(a) Definite Suspension of More Than Six Months and Indefinite Suspensions. ... no change

(b) Definite Suspension of Six Months or Less. ... no change

(c) Filing and Service of Petition. ... no change

(d) Costs. ... no change

(e) Publication of Notice. Contemporaneously with the filing of the petition for reinstatement, or within twenty-one days prior thereto, the petitioner shall publish a notice of application for reinstatement in bold-faced type in all official newspapers designated by the Supreme

Court and in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the respondent last maintained a law office and in the county in which respondent resided at the time of the imposition of discipline. Publication of a notice shall be sufficient if in the following language: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. John Doe, who was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey on, 19.. and who was thereafter suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court, is applying to be reinstated to the practice. Objections or relevant information concerning this application for reinstatement should be forwarded immediately to Chief Counsel, Disciplinary Review Board, P.O. Box 962 [CN 962], Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0962.

(f) Contents of Petition. ... no change

(g) Objections by Director; Recommendation by the Board. ...
no change

(h) Referral to Trier of Fact. ... no change

(i) Consideration of Petition for Reinstatement. ... no change

(j) Successive Petitions. ... no change

(k) Public Proceedings and Records. ... no change

Note: Adopted January 31, 1995 to be effective March 1, 1995;
paragraph (e) amended _____, 2002 to be effective _____,
2002.

4. Proposed amendment to Rule 1:20B-2 -- With regard to the narrative preceding the proposed amendment, change "Disciplinary Review Board" to "Disciplinary Oversight Committee" in both the section heading and the first sentence.
5. In the proposed revised text of Rule 1:21-3(c) and Rule 1:21-3(c)(2), underscore the commas that follow "employed by".
6. In the proposed revised text of Rule 1:21-6(c)(1)(A) the last word -- "and" -- should not be underscored. In the proposed revised text of Rule 1:21-6(h), the fourth full sentence should not be underscored ("When so produced, all such records...."). In the proposed revised text of Rule 1:21-6(i), the reference to RPC 1.15(d) should not be underscored.

7. In the proposed revised text of Rule 1:21-9(d) (“Applications”), there should be no underscoring in the introductory portion of section (d)(2); or in sections (d)(2)(A), (d)(2)(B), (d)(2)(C), or (d)(2)(D). The underscoring in sections (d)(2)(E) and (d)(2)(F) is correct.
8. In the Section entitled “Proposed Rule Amendments Requested and Rejected or Resolved Without Changes to the Rules,” replace the subsection entitled “Complaints Regarding Confidentiality Requirements...” in its entirety as follows:

Complaints Regarding Confidentiality Requirements for Disciplinary Matters.

The PRRC received letters from two citizens complaining that the confidentiality requirements for disciplinary matters, which they characterized as a “gag rule,” are unfair. The letters were sent by Meryl Jacobs and K. S. Pitta.

By way of background, the confidentiality requirement, Rule 1:20-9, bars grievants from discussing with non-parties the circumstances that formed the basis for the grievance unless and until an ethics complaint is filed. Once the ethics complaint is filed, the process becomes public in nature. The PRRC reviewed the purpose of the confidentiality requirement, which is to encourage grievants to complain to ethics authorities about unprofessional attorney conduct by removing the fear of a retaliatory suit by the attorney for harm to the attorney’s reputation. In effect, the Court extended to statements made by grievants the same absolute immunity that attaches to statements made in lawsuits so long as the confidentiality requirements of the rule are met. IMO Hearing on Immunity for Ethics Complaints, 96 N.J. 669 (1984). Based on its review, the PRRC advised these citizens that it would not recommend changes to the rules at this time.

Committee on the Tax Court (no corrections)

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Civil Practice Committee -- Supplemental Report

1. In Part I ("Rule Amendments Recommended for Adoption"), Section D -- In the proposed revised text of Rule 4:5A-2(b), the proposed new caption -- "Change of Track Assignment" -- should be double-underscored.
2. In Part I, Section E -- In the text of proposed new Rule 4:23-5(c), the proposed caption -- "Motion to Compel" -- should be double-underscored.
3. In Part III, Section B -- Note the updated citation for *Frigon v. DBA Holdings, Inc.*, 346 N.J. Super. 352 (App. Div. 2002).

Committee on Minority Concerns

1. Table of Contents -- Chapter III, Part III(E)(3) -- Insert the word "Guidelines" preceding "to Assist".
2. Table of Contents -- Chapter V, Part IV(G)(4)(e) -- Change "Court Interpreternology" to "Court Interpreter". Also add as part (f) "Information Technology".
3. Table of Contents -- Chapter V, Part IV(M) -- "Distribution of Law Clerk Appointments by Law School" should be on a separate line from "Minority Law Clerks"
4. List of Tables -- Several tables were omitted from the end of the list. Add the following:

Table 56	New Jersey Judiciary: Bilingual Variant Titles, AOC Central Clerks' Offices and Vicinages (December 2001)
Table 57	New Jersey Judiciary: Judicial Law Clerks by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for Court Year 2001-2002 (as of December 2001)
Table 58	New Jersey Judiciary: Comparison by Court Year of Law Clerk Appointments by Race/Ethnicity
Table 59	New Jersey Judiciary: Hiring of Law Clerks by Court Level and Race/Ethnicity (1996-2001)

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| Table 60 | New Jersey Judiciary: Superior Court Law Clerks for Court Year 2001-2002 (Excluding Supreme Court, Appellate Division and Tax Court) by County, Race/Ethnicity and Gender as of December 2001 |
| Table 61 | New Jersey Judiciary: Law Clerks by Court Level, Race/Ethnicity and Gender for 2001-2002 as of December 2001 |
| Table 62 | Law Degrees Conferred by New Jersey Institutions by Race/Ethnicity - 1999 and 2000 (Average Data) |
| Table 63 | New Jersey Judiciary: Law Clerk Appointments by Law School (2001-2002 Court Year) |
| Table 64 | New Jersey Judiciary: Volunteers by Vicinage and Race/Ethnicity as of October 2001 |
5. In the Executive Summary, "Formatting Committee Recommendations" section, delete "page 8" at the end of the first paragraph.
 6. In the Executive Summary, "Subcommittee on Minorities and Juvenile Justice/Family" section, fourth paragraph, third sentence, insert the word "initiatives" after "citizen advocacy".
 7. In Chapter I, Part III-C, sixth paragraph, fourth sentence, change "innovate" to "innovative".
 8. In Chapter I, Part III-C, eighth paragraph, first sentence, delete the word "for" after the word "rehabilitating".
 9. Chapter II, Part III-C -- in the statement of Committee Recommendation 02:21.5, correct the spelling of "Managers" and "Minority".
 10. Chapter II, Part IIIC -- in the second sentence of the last paragraph correct the spelling of the word "The".
 11. In Chapter III, Part III-C, footnote 41, change "14.8%" to "8.1%".
 12. In Chapter III, Part III-C, footnote 43, change "Dribble" to "Dibble" and insert a comma after "Court Executive".
 13. In Chapter V, Introduction, first sentence of the first paragraph, change "in the continuing" to "toward ensuring".

14. In Chapter V, Part IV-F(2), second bulleted item, change “while” to “white”.
15. In Chapter V, Part IV-F(2), footnote 85, delete the word “female”.
16. In Chapter V, Part IV-K, next to last paragraph, second numbered item -- The second portion of that item should read “The dearth of bilingual variant employees....”
17. In Chapter V, Part IV-K, second sentence of last paragraph, change “os” to “of” and insert the word “representation” after “necessary to increase”.
18. In Chapter V, Part IV-L, first paragraph, change “with the monitoring of minority employment by the Judiciary” to “with monitoring minority employment in the Judiciary”.
15. In Chapter V, Part IV-N(1), delete the word “shortly” at the end of the fourth sentence of first paragraph.

Committee on the Rules of Evidence (no corrections)

Special Civil Part Practice Committee

1. The “Conclusion” section should be Section VI rather than Section VII, both in the report and in the table of contents.