

# **NOTICE TO THE BAR**

## **LOCAL FILING AND ENFORCEMENT OF OUT-OF-STATE CUSTODY/PARENTING TIME/VISITATION ORDERS**

New Jersey's Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Act (UCCJA), N.J.S.A. 2A:34-38 to N.J.S.A. 2A:34-52, requires the Clerk of the Superior Court to maintain a registry of out-of-state custody orders. To facilitate filing and enforcement of such out-of-state custody orders, the Supreme Court has authorized the Clerk to delegate that responsibility to the Family Division Managers.

[Directive #7-02](#) (copy attached), issued September 26, 2002, sets forth new procedures that allow these out-of-state custody/parenting time/visitation orders to be filed in the appropriate county of venue, rather than in Trenton, for purposes of entry onto the registry. There is a \$5.00 filing fee for such registration of the out-of-state order (N.J.S.A. 22A:2-20).

[Directive #7-02](#) also sets forth procedures for the enforcement of these out-of-state orders, in the appropriate county of venue, either by way of order to show cause or by regular motion.

The Directive and annexed forms also are available on the Judiciary website at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us>.

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