

# NOTICE TO THE BAR

## **Re: Report of the Supreme Court Commission on the Rules of Professional Conduct**

The Supreme Court created the Commission on the Rules of Professional Conduct to review the Rules (RPCs) in light of the report of the American Bar Association's Commission on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. The Court directed the Commission to make recommendations on the proposed RPCs as well as on issues involving multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary practice, the retention of the "appearance-of-impropriety rule," the extension of the disqualification of a municipal prosecutor from criminal defense work to members and associates in the prosecutor's law firm, and the *bona fide* office requirement of *Rule* 1:21-1(a).

The Commission has filed its [report](#), and the Court has authorized its publication for written comment. It is being published contemporaneously with this Notice. Comments are due by **April 15, 2003**, and are to be submitted to **the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Hughes Justice Complex, POB 970, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0970**.

In addition to inviting written comments from the Bar, the Court has scheduled a public hearing on the Commission's report for **Wednesday, April 23, 2003**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Supreme Court courtroom, Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton. If you are interested in making a presentation at the hearing, you must register with the Clerk's Office no later than **April 15, 2003**. Presentations will be limited to ten minutes. Late registrants will be heard if time permits and after the other registrants have been heard. The Court also will accept written materials without an accompanying oral presentation. Please be advised that all statements submitted to the Court, whether oral or in writing, will not be treated as confidential.

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Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Dated: December 11, 2002

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