

NOTICE TO THE BAR

ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENTS WITHOUT PERSONAL APPEARANCES IN DISSOLUTION (FM) PROCEEDINGS IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON

The Family Part of Superior Court in Hudson County, with the approval of the Supreme Court, is instituting a procedure permitting the entry of default judgments without personal appearances in certain dissolution proceedings, joining two other counties (Atlantic, Somerset) that previously instituted such a procedure. Specifically, this procedure will be available for cases as follows:

1. Where the relief requested is limited to the dissolution of the marriage.
2. Where the relief requested is limited to the dissolution of the marriage and the incorporation in the Judgment of Divorce of a written Property Settlement Agreement executed by both parties resolving all issues.
3. When the relief requested is the dissolution of the marriage and the continuation of final Orders entered in other proceedings resolving all issues of custody, visitation and support and where no other issues are presented.
4. In any of the circumstances noted above, relief may also be requested, by either party, to permit that person to resume/assume the use of a prior or other name, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:34-21.

For a copy of the procedure, please contact the Hudson Family Division Manager's Office at (201) 795-6754. The procedure also is located on the Judiciary website at www.judiciary.state.nj.us/hudson/index.htm

Dated: May 1, 2003

Patricia K. Costello, Presiding Judge
Family Part, Superior Court
County of Hudson