

NOTICE TO THE BAR

RE: Application to Designate Silica Litigation as a Mass Tort

Pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Mass Tort Guidelines (Directive #11-03), an application has been submitted to the Supreme Court, through the Administrative Director of the Courts, to designate all litigation (pending and subsequently filed) alleging silica-related disease as a mass tort and assignment of that litigation for centralized management to Middlesex County.

Anyone wishing to comment on or object to this application should provide such comments or objections, with relevant supporting documentation, to the Administrative Director of the Courts, P. O. Box 037, Trenton, NJ 08625-0037, by July 15, 2004.

Richard J. Williams, J.A.D.
Administrative Director of the Courts
Dated: June 2, 2004