

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Tax Court DCM Pilot Program - Amendment to Program Rules; Statewide Expansion

By Order of July 28, 2004, published with this Notice, the Supreme Court adopted amendments to certain of the Program Rules for the Tax Court Differentiated Case Management (DCM) Program for local property tax cases, with those amendments to be effective September 1, 2004, as follows:

[Program Rule 8:6-8. \(Local Property Tax Cases; Initial Case Management Conference\);](#) (PDF)

[Program Rule 8:6-9. \(Local Property Tax Cases; Mandatory Settlement Conference\);](#) (PDF)

[Program Rule 8:8-5. \(Adjournments\).](#) (PDF)

The full set of Program Rules is available by contacting the Tax Court Management Office. The Program Rules also can be accessed via the Internet at njcourtsonline.com. The Program Rules also are included as an appendix to the Rules of Court (West).

Additionally, pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order, the Tax Court DCM Program, currently in place only in Bergen and Hudson counties, will be expanded to all counties effective January 1, 2005. Please be advised that the Tax Court DCM Program remains a pilot program notwithstanding this statewide expansion.

The Tax Court DCM Program was first authorized in Bergen County by the Supreme Court in 1996 (Order dated October 7, 1996). The Court expanded the Program to Hudson County in 1999 (Order dated October 12, 1999). With the statewide expansion, effective January 1, 2005, tax appeals contesting assessments for properties in all counties shall be filed under the program Rules. The program expansion affects tax appeals contesting assessments for 2005 and subsequent years.

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