NOTICE TO THE BAR

Proposed Rule Amendments – Capital Causes – For Comment

The Supreme Court has approved the publication for comment of the following proposed amendments to Court Rules 3:7-3 and 3:13-4 as recommended by the Trial Judges Committee on Capital Causes. Proposed new text is indicated by underscoring; text proposed to be deleted is indicated by brackets. That Committee's commentary regarding the two proposed rule amendments also is included with this notice.

Comments on the proposed amendments are being sought prior to their consideration by the Court for adoption. Any comments should be submitted in writing by January 31, 2005 to:

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Comments also may be submitted via Internet e-mail to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov

The Supreme Court will not consider comments submitted anonymously. Thus, those submitting comments by mail should include their name and address (and those submitting comments by e-mail should include their name and email address). However, comments submitted in response to this notice will be maintained in confidence if the author specifically requests confidentiality. In the absence of such a request, the author's identity and his or her comments may be subject to public disclosure after the Court has acted on the proposed amendments.

Philip S. Carchman, J.A.D. Acting Administrative Director of the Courts Dated: December 14, 2004