NOTICE TO THE BAR

Amendments to Rule 5:7A - - DV Venue

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 5:7A of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted effective immediately.

For the Court,

Deborah T. Poritz Chief Justice Dated: July 7, 2005

SUPREME COURT ORDER

- (a) ...no change
- (b) ... no change
- (c) ... no change
- (d) ... no change
- (e) ... no change
- (f) Venue in Domestic Violence Proceedings. Venue in domestic violence actions shall be laid in the county where either of the parties resides, in the county where the domestic violence offense took place, or in the county where the victim of domestic violence is sheltered. [If the action is not brought in a county of residence, venue shall be transferred to a county of residence for the final hearing unless the court orders the matter retained in the county where the complaint is filed for good cause shown.] The final hearing is to be held in the county where the ex parte restraints were ordered, unless good cause is shown for the hearing to be held elsewhere.

Note: Adopted November 1, 1985 to be effective January 2, 1986; paragraph (a) amended, paragraph (b) caption and text amended and new paragraphs (c) and (d) adopted November 2, 1987 to be effective January 1, 1988; caption amended, former paragraph (c) redesignated paragraph (e), former paragraph (d) redesignated paragraph (f) and new paragraphs (c) and (d) adopted November 18, 1993 to be effective immediately; paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) amended July 12, 2002 to be effective September 3, 2002; paragraph (f) amended July 7, 2005 to be effective immediately.

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