

## **NOTICE TO THE BAR**

### **Re: Supreme Court Petitions for Certification -- Number of Copies of Briefs and Appendices**

Pursuant to Rule 2:12-7(b) and Rule 2:12-8, parties petitioning for certification -- and those responding to petitions for certification -- are required to file nine copies of all briefs and appendices with the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Effective immediately, the Supreme Court has relaxed the requirements of the Rules to provide that parties are to file four copies of the following with the Supreme Court Clerk's Office:

1. Petition for Certification and Supplemental Appendix
2. Respondent's Brief (and Supplemental Appendix, if any)
3. Reply Brief on Certification (if any)
4. All briefs submitted in respect of a cross-petition for certification (if any); and 5. All Appellate Division briefs and appendices

If the Supreme Court grants certification, the Clerk's Office will notify the parties that they are to submit an additional five copies of their briefs and appendices.

It is hoped that the reduction in the number of required copies will reduce photocopying and delivery costs to litigants. Please note, however, that the relaxation of the copy requirements for petitions for certification does not affect the submission of the required nine copies of briefs and appendices on appeals as of right or motions.

Please direct any questions you may have to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office Docket Unit at (609) 292-4837.

For the Court:

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Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Dated: August 1, 2005

## **SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

IT IS ORDERED THAT Rule 2:12-7(b) and Rule 2:12-8 are relaxed to the end that parties filing briefs and appendices in respect of petitions for certification and cross-petitions for certification shall first submit four copies of each brief to the Clerk's Office; and it is further ORDERED that if the Court grants certification, the parties shall forward the remaining five copies to the Clerk's Office; and it is further ORDERED that this relaxation does not apply to appeals as of right, motions, or supplemental briefs filed after a grant of certification; and it is further ORDERED that the within relaxations shall take effect August 1, 2005, and shall remain in effect until the Court adopts conforming Rule amendments.

For the Court:

Deborah T. Poritz, C.J.  
Dated: July 28, 2005