

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Middlesex Centralized Arraignment Program

It is hereby ORDERED that, effective immediately and until further Order, Municipal Court Judge Edward H. Herman, of the Borough of Highland Park, and Municipal Court Judge Spencer Robbins, of the Woodbridge Municipal Court, shall serve as acting municipal court judges in all municipalities in Middlesex County for the purpose of conducting first appearance hearings and arraignments or accepting pleas, including those for pending municipal court cases subject to detainers, on a centralized basis at the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility, on indictable or other offenses occurring in Middlesex County; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that for the purpose of this program, the provisions of Rule 1:15-4 are hereby relaxed to exempt the above-named judges' law partners, employers, employees, office associates, and shareholders from the limitations on the practice of law in Middlesex County otherwise imposed on them by that Rule; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that this centralized arraignment program continues to be authorized on an interim basis under the supervision of Assignment Judge Robert A. Longhi, who periodically shall report to the Court on the program.

This Order supersedes the Court's Order of March 24, 1998.

For the Court

Deborah T. Poritz

C.J.

Dated: January 10, 2006

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