

Notice to the Bar

Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Legal Education – May 18 Public Session (Atlantic City)

On Friday, May 18, 2007, the New Jersey Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Legal Education, chaired by retired Justice Peter G. Verniero, will convene a public session at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The session, which will be at 12 noon in the first floor Theatre at the Borgata, will provide the Ad Hoc Committee the opportunity to obtain input from members of the bar and others on a number of topics related to continuing legal education.

The Ad Hoc Committee is organized into a Steering Committee and four subcommittees, focusing on the following areas:

Requirements Subcommittee: Overall structure of CLE program, course structure, role of core course(s), area-specific curriculum, mandatory requirements, credit-hour requirements. Also, interface with attorney certification program.

Applications Subcommittee: Application of program to attorneys based on number of years of experience, areas of practice, private versus public sector attorneys, judges, in-house counsel, and attorneys with CLE in other states. Also, recommendations regarding Skills and Methods Program and eventual interplay between that program and any recommended mandatory CLE program.

Compliance Subcommittee: Recommendations on how the Supreme Court should enforce and monitor CLE program, possible creation of standing committee, staffing, funding, and other related enforcement issues.

Service Provider Subcommittee: Sources and cost of CLE instruction (e.g., law firms, Inns of Court, law schools), approval/certification of credits/courses, etc.

In addition to these areas, the Ad Hoc Committee also will make recommendations to the Supreme Court on the role of technology, including technology in the classroom and on-line course fulfillment, as well as on the manner and cost of implementing any specific subcommittee recommendations.

While the Ad Hoc Committee will receive comments at the May 18 public session, written comments may be submitted to:

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