

NOTICE TO THE BAR

ATTORNEYS ADMITTED IN MULTIPLE CAPACITIES

The New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection has noted that attorneys admitted in more than one capacity are remitting duplicate payments. Another problem is that lawyers are not identifying themselves as having already been admitted in another capacity. The result has been that their payments in the prior capacity have not prevented them from being declared ineligible for a perceived failure to pay the annual assessment. The following guidelines are presented to help prevent such occurrences.

- 1) New Jersey plenary attorneys should pay the annual assessment each calendar year by responding to the Fund's annual billing for plenary attorneys ONLY.
- 2) New Jersey plenary attorneys who receive a bill for any other group (Pro Hac Vice, Multijurisdictional Practitioner, In-House Counsel, or Foreign Legal Consultant), should respond to that bill not by paying but by simply noting their New Jersey admission.
- 3) Any attorney applying for admission in any capacity should mention in the application any prior admission in New Jersey in any capacity.
- 4) Newly admitted plenary attorneys should advise the Fund if they were previously admitted as a Pro Hac Vice attorney, Multijurisdictional Practitioner, In-House Counsel or Foreign Legal Consultant.
- 5) **Only one assessment per calendar year per attorney is required even if an attorney is admitted in more than one capacity or in more than one matter.** After remitting payment for a given calendar year, a Pro Hac Vice attorney or Multijurisdictional practitioner should not then pay for subsequent cases or admissions that occur within the same calendar year.
- 6) All attorneys should report name changes as they occur.

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