

NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL AND QUASI-CRIMINAL MATTERS – PUBLICATION FOR COMMENT

This notice publishes for written comment the Report of the Supreme Court [Special Committee on Discovery in Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Matters](#).

The Special Committee, chaired by Associate Justice Virginia A. Long, was appointed by the Court to examine the policy and financial implications of more uniform and compatible means of providing discovery, including whether the types of software used to record and distribute electronic discovery should be limited in some fashion, and whether the amount charged to transmit that discovery also should be limited. The Special Committee also was asked to explore whether its recommendations would require amendments to the Rules of Court or whether they could instead be accomplished through other formal or informal means. In addition to addressing those issues, the Special Committee's report also contains a series of recommendations intended to facilitate the transmission of all discovery in criminal and quasi-criminal cases.

Included with the report are two minority reports dissenting from specific provisions in the report: (1) from the representative of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (which minority report was joined by the Office of the Public Defender), and (2) from the representative of the Municipal Court Practice Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

This Report also will be available for downloading on the Judiciary's Internet web site at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/reports2012/index.htm>.

Please send any comments on the Report on the Special Committee on Discovery in Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Matters in writing by **Monday, June 4, 2012** to:

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Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us.

The Supreme Court will not consider comments submitted anonymously. Thus, those submitting comments by mail should include their name and address (and those submitting comments by e-mail should include their name and e-mail address). Comments submitted are subject to public disclosure.

The Special Committee's report will not be considered by the Court as part of the current rule amendment cycle but rather will be on a separate review and consideration track.

/s/ Glenn A. Grant

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