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MEMORANDUM

**To: Hon. Carmen Messano
Assignment Judges
Hon. Patrick DeAlmeida**

Directive #09-12

From: Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

Date: December 31, 2012

Re: Judges Writing Letters of Recommendation for Law Clerks

The Supreme Court has determined that in certain limited situations a judge may write a letter of recommendation for a current or former law clerk on court/judicial letterhead; in all other situations, if a letter of recommendation is appropriate, it should be on the judge's personal stationery. The situations in which the judge may use court/judicial letterhead for letters of recommendation for law clerks are as follows:

- (1) When the letter is addressed to another state or federal government official (this would include letters regarding subsequent additional clerkships);
- (2) When the letter is addressed to a law school, university, or college in connection with a possible teaching position for the law clerk; and
- (3) When a potential employer requests a recommendation.

This supersedes the June 9, 1982 memo issued by Chief Justice Wilentz entitled "Letters of Recommendation." Please share this information with your judges.

cc: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner
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