

NOTICE TO THE BAR

EVIDENCE RULE AMENDMENTS TAKE EFFECT – IMPEACHMENT BY EVIDENCE OF CONVICTION OF CRIME (N.J.R.E. 609)

In a September 16, 2013 Notice to the Bar, the Supreme Court announced that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:84A-35, it had amended New Jersey Rule of Evidence 609 relating to impeachment by evidence of conviction of crime, including adoption of a new paragraph regarding use of evidence of prior convictions ten or more years old. The Court took that action on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Committee on the Rules of Evidence in response to State v. Harris, 209 N.J. 431, 445 (2012). There having been no legislative action with regard to these amendments to the Rules of Evidence as provided for by N.J.S.A. 2A:84A-36, amended N.J.R.E. 609 became effective on July 1, 2014.

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