SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

By superseding rule relaxation Order dated January 21, 2015, the Court set out procedures applicable to attorneys using the Appellate Division's electronic filing sytem, or "eDATA" ("Electronic Docketing of Appeals and Tracking Application"). To facilitate the transition to electronic filing in appeals in "Children-in-Court" cases (those matters having FG, FN, FC or FL trial docket numbers), the following additional rule relaxation provisions shall be applicable to such cases effective February 2, 2015 through March 1, 2016:

1. **Applicability.** This temporary rule relaxation is only applicable to appeals concerning termination of parental rights, abuse and neglect, child placement review, and kinship/legal guardianship, that is, those appeals having FG, FN, FC or FL trial docket numbers.

2. **Transcripts.** Rule 2:5-3 is further relaxed as to all such appeals filed in the Appellate Division, via the eDATA system or in paper, so as to provide that the person preparing the transcript shall deliver the original and the copy of the transcript to the appellant. The Appellate Division Clerk's Office, rather than the appellant, will provide one copy of the transcript to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in Children in Court cases, in the manner set forth below. The Clerk's Office will make a copy of the transcript available to the OAG for regular pick-up in Trenton. If there is more than one respondent, that copy shall be provided to the OAG for the use of all participating respondents, including other registered eDATA users, non-registered attorneys, and self-represented litigants

3. **Appendices, briefs; transcript.** Rule 2:6 is relaxed so as to provide that briefs and appendices in electronically filed appeals in such cases shall be submitted electronically through the eDATA system for review for compliance with the Rules of Court. After the Clerk's Office has reviewed and filed the brief and appendix, the filer shall be notified via e-mail and shall provide three hard copies of the filed brief and appendix to the court via mail or personal delivery.

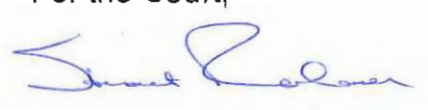
   Rule 2:6-12(a) is further relaxed for appeals filed via the eDATA system so as to provide that the eDATA registered attorney for respondent in "Children in Court" appeals shall receive one paper copy of any appendix exceeding 600 pages in its entirety. The 600 page total excludes the cover and table of contents. The number of volumes is not a factor in calculating the 600 page total. The paper copy shall be reproduced and provided to the requestor at the appellant's expense. This relaxation does not affect the requirement that registered attorneys using the eDATA system be served that appendix via email that

provides a link to the document. Service of one paper copy of the brief and appendix on self-represented litigants is required.

4. Duration of rule relaxation.

This rule relaxation shall expire in its entirety effective on March 1, 2016, without the need for further order of the Court.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: January 21, 2015