

## **NOTICE TO THE BAR**

### **Elimination of Requirement for Additional Transcript Under R. 2:5-3**

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016**

The New Jersey Judiciary continues to implement an electronic filing system for the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey. As part of this implementation, an effort is being made to minimize the amount of paper filed with the court, while concurrently reducing costs to litigants. Therefore, as set forth in the attached April 12, 2016 Supreme Court Order, the number of paper transcript copies required to be produced is reduced so as to permit the appellant, at the time the transcript is requested, to order only one electronic copy. The previous requirement directed that the original and one copy of the transcript be ordered. The required copy shall be forwarded to the clerk of the Appellate Division in the form of a CD-ROM or DVD.

Please note that three paper copies of the transcript will continue to be required, pursuant to Rules 2:6-11(a) and 2:6-12(d) in connection with the filing of briefs. The Court's relaxation of R. 2:5-3 does not affect this requirement.

/s/ Joseph H. Orlando

Clerk of the Appellate Division

Dated: April 28, 2016

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

As part of the ongoing implementation of an electronic filing system for the Appellate Division of Superior Court, efforts continue to minimize the amount of paper filed with the court, which also will reduce costs to litigants. Toward that end, whereas the previous requirement with regard to transcript requests directed that the original and two copies of the transcript (one being a CD-ROM or DVD) be prepared upon the ordering of a transcript, the number of required copies is now being reduced to just one electronic copy. That one required copy is to be forwarded to the clerk of the Appellate Division in the form of a CD-ROM or DVD after its certification by the court reporter supervisor, clerk of the Tax Court or a municipal court, or by an administrative agency or officer.

It therefore is ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, sec. 2 par. 3, that effective July 1, 2016 and until further order, the provisions of Rule 2:5-3 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are supplemented and relaxed so as to permit the person preparing the transcript to deliver the original of the transcript to the appellant and one electronic copy (CD-ROM or DVD) of the transcript to the court reporter supervisor for appeals from the Superior Court, to the clerk of the court in the case of an appeal from the Tax Court or a municipal court, or to the agency in the case of an administrative appeal. The additional paper copy that had been required to be filed with the court is no longer required.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Order, the provisions of the Rules of Court applicable to matters filed in the Appellate Division, including the requirement to subsequently file additional paper copies of the transcript pursuant to Rules 2:6-11(a) and 2:6-12(d) in connection with the filing of briefs, and the provisions of the January 21, 2015 rule relaxation order (available on njcourts.com), shall remain in full force and effect.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: April 12, 2016