NOTICE TO THE BAR

DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE COURT VOLKSWAGEN "CLEAN DIESEL" CASES

A previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on an application for designation as Multicounty Litigation (MCL) of certain New Jersey state cases involving alleged violations of emissions standards by Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. and its affiliates ("clean diesel" cases). That application was submitted pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Revised Multicounty Litigation Guidelines as promulgated by Directive #8-12. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, after considering the application and all comments received, has determined not to grant the application. Accordingly, all "clean diesel" cases should continue to be filed in the appropriate counties of venue.

This Notice will also be posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (<u>njcourts.com</u>) in the Multicounty Information Center (http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/index.htm).

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