

NOTICE TO THE BAR

AMENDMENT TO COURT RULE 4:21A-6(c) – EXPANDING PERMISSIBLE PAYMENT MODE FOR TRIAL DE NOVO FEES

The Supreme Court by Order dated May 30, 2017 adopted amendments to paragraph (c) of Rule 4:21A-6 so as to remove reference in that rule to any particular method of payment for the trial de novo fee. The rule amendments, which are appended to this notice, will permit the payment of trial de novo filing fees in eCourts Civil by attorney collateral account (Judiciary Account Charge System (JACS) account).

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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: June 9, 2017

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 4:21A-6(c) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: May 30, 2017

4:21A-6. Entry of Judgment; Trial De Novo

(a) ...no change.

(b) ...no change.

(c) Trial De Novo. An action in which a timely trial de novo has been demanded by any party shall be returned, as to all parties, to the trial calendar for disposition. A trial *de novo* shall be scheduled to occur within 90 days after the filing and service of the request therefor. A party demanding a trial de novo must [tender] submit with the trial de novo request [a check payable to the “Treasurer, State of New Jersey”] a fee in the amount of \$200 towards the arbitrator’s fee and may be liable to pay the reasonable costs, including attorney’s fees, incurred after rejection of the award by those parties not demanding a trial de novo. Reasonable costs shall be awarded on motion supported by detailed certification subject to the following limitations:

(1) ...no change.

(2) ...no change.

(3) ...no change.

(4) ...no change.

(5) ...no change.

(d) ...no change.

Note: Adopted November 1, 1985 to be effective January 2, 1986; paragraph (c) amended November 5, 1986 to be effective January 1, 1987; paragraphs (b)(1) and (c) amended November 2, 1987 to be effective January 1, 1988; paragraph (c)(5) amended November 7, 1988 to be effective January 2, 1989; paragraphs (b)(1) and (c) amended July 14, 1992 to be effective September 1, 1992; paragraph (c) amended May 3, 1994 to be effective July 1, 1994; paragraph (b)(1) amended July 10, 1998 to be effective September 1, 1998; paragraphs (b) and (c) amended July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; paragraph (c) amended June 7, 2005 to be

effective immediately; new paragraph (d) adopted July 19, 2012 to be effective September 4, 2012; paragraph (c) amended May 30, 2017 to be effective immediately.