#### NOTICE TO THE BAR

## ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO COURT RULES 1:38-3 AND 1:38-5

Published with this notice are the following amendments to Rule 1:38 ("Public Access to Court Records and Administrative Records") as adopted by the Supreme Court; these amendments become effective May 1, 2019:

- Amendments to Rule 1:38-3 ("Court Records Excluded from Public Access") so as to exclude from public access two new confidential forms required for Civil adult name change applications (Certification of Confidential Information for Name Change; Final Judgment Addendum); adopted by order dated April 23, 2019; and
- Amendments to Rule 1:38-5 ("Administrative Records Excluded from Public Access") so as to clarify the exclusion of oaths of judges, judicial officials, and Judiciary personnel from public access, and to provide that in response to a request (including a request for a judicial oath of office) the record custodian will provide the full name, title, and oath date of the individual; adopted by separate order dated April 23, 2019.

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

**Acting Administrative Director of the Courts** 

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Dated: April 24, 2019

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:38-3(f) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective May 1, 2019.

For the Court,

**Chief Justice** 

Dated: April 23, 2019

### Rule 1:38-3. Court Records Excluded from Public Access

The following court records are excluded from public access:

- (a) ... no change
- (b) ... no change
- (c) ... no change
- (d) ... no change
- (e) ... no change
- (f) Records of Other Proceedings.
  - (1) ... no change
  - (2) ... no change
  - (3) ... no change
  - (4) ... no change
  - (5) ... no change
  - (6) ... no change
  - (7) ... no change
  - (8) ... no change
- (9) Written requests by a crime victim, or if such a person is deceased or incapacitated, a member of that person's immediate family, for a record to which the victim is entitled pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(b)(2) [.];
- (10) Certification of Confidential Information for Name Change forms and Final Judgment Addendum forms prepared in actions for change of name pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:52-1 and R. 4:72-1 et seq.

Note: New Rule 1:38-3 adopted July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; subparagraph (b)(1) amended December 9, 2009 to be effective immediately; paragraphs (e) and (f) amended January 5, 2010 to be effective immediately; subparagraph (c)(11) amended, subparagraph (c)(12) adopted, and subparagraph

(d)(10) amended February 16, 2010 to be effective immediately; subparagraph (d)(1) amended June 23, 2010 to be effective July 1, 2010; paragraph (e) amended October 26, 2010 to be effective immediately; paragraph (e) amended February 28, 2013 to be effective immediately; subparagraph (d)(12) amended July 9, 2013 to be effective September 1, 2013; subparagraphs (f)(2) and (f)(5) amended, and new subparagraph (f)(9) added December 9, 2014 to be effective immediately; subparagraph (d)(2) amended July 27, 2015 to be effective September 1, 2015; subparagraph (b)(1) amended May 30, 2017 to be effective immediately; paragraph (a) and subparagraphs (d)(1) and (d)(13) amended July 28, 2017 to be effective September 1, 2017, subparagraphs (c)(1), (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(5), (d)(6), (d)(9), and (f)(6) amended May 15, 2018 to be effective immediately; new subparagraph (c)(13) adopted July 27, 2018 to be effective September 1, 2018; new subparagraph (c)(14) adopted and subparagraph (f)(5) amended September 12, 2018 to be effective immediately; new subparagraph (f)(10) adopted April 23, 2019 to be effective May 1, 2019.

# SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:38-5 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective May 1, 2019.

For the Court,

**Chief Justice** 

Dated: April 23, 2019

#### Rule 1:38-5. Administrative Records Excluded from Public Access

The following administrative records are excluded from public access:

- (a) ... no change
- (b) ... no change
- (c) ... no change
- (d) ... no change
- (e) ... no change
- (f) ... no change
- (g) ... no change
- (h) ... no change
- (i) ... no change
- (i) ... no change
- (k) ... no change
- (I) ... no change
- (m) ... no change
- (n) ... no change
- (o) ... no change
- (p) ... no change
- (q) ... no change
- <u>(r)</u> Records relating to Special Civil Part Officers to the extent provided under Administrative Directive[.];
- (s) Any original or copy of an oath, oath of allegiance, or oath of office of a judge, judicial official, or Judiciary personnel, except that the full name, title, and oath date of that person shall not be excluded from public access (see N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1).

Note: New Rule 1:38-5 adopted July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; paragraph (g) amended January 5, 2010 to be effective immediately; paragraph (p) amended and new paragraph (q) added October 18, 2011 to be effective immediately; new paragraph (r) adopted November 12, 2014 to be effective immediately; paragraph (h) amended December 9, 2014 to be effective immediately; paragraph (b) amended May 30, 2017 to be effective immediately; new paragraph (s) adopted April 23, 2019 to be effective May 1, 2019.