

NOTICE TO THE BAR

TAX COURT – CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING TAX COURT TRANSCRIPTS FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL – RULE RELAXATION

The Supreme Court by Order dated July 16, 2019 has relaxed and supplemented Rule 2:5-3 (“Preparation and Filing of Transcript; Statement of Proceedings; Prescribed Transcript Request Form”) so as to modify the procedures for requesting Tax Court transcripts for appeals to the Appellate Division. A copy of the Supreme Court’s rule relaxation order is published with this notice. It is effective as of September 1, 2019.

The order requires attorneys to submit Tax Court transcript requests for purposes of appeal through the eCourts-Appellate system. The order also provides that all Tax Court transcript requests (including paper requests submitted by self-represented litigants) are to be served on the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, rather than on the Tax Court Clerk.

Accordingly, as of September 1, 2019, Tax Court transcript requests must be submitted as follows:

- Requests by Attorneys for Tax Court Transcripts for Appeal Purposes – Use of eCourts-Appellate

An attorney ordering a Tax Court transcript for appeal purposes will complete a system-generated form. The certified transcriber will contact the ordering party for a deposit, as required by Rule 2:5-3(d). In electronically filed appeals, the parties will access the completed transcript via the eCourts-Appellate system.

- Requests by Self-Represented Litigants for Tax Court Transcripts for Any Purpose; Attorney Requests for Transcripts for Non-Appeal Purposes

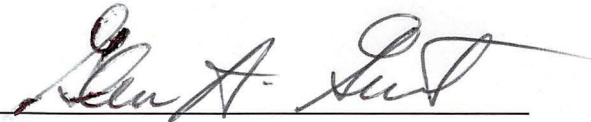
Self-represented litigants seeking transcripts for any purpose (appeal or non-appeal) and attorneys requesting transcripts not for purposes of appeal will complete the Court Transcript Request Form (CN 10504) and submit it to the Appellate Division Transcript Unit at Appeal-Trans.mailbox@njcourts.gov. If an attorney subsequently elects to file an appeal, the attorney will upload the certified non-appeal transcript to the eCourts-Appellate system. Self-represented litigants who subsequently seek an appeal will indicate on the notice of appeal that the transcript is in their possession.

- Requests for Sound Recordings

Requests for CDs and other sound recording of Tax Court proceedings should be submitted to the Tax Court Clerk's Office.

More detailed instructions on the new Tax Court transcript procedures will be available on the Judiciary's public website (njcourts.gov) in the Appellate Division and Tax Court sections.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Karen Carroll, Appellate Division Deputy Clerk, at Karen.Carroll@njcourts.gov or at 609-815-2950 ext. 54730.



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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: July 25, 2019

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const. Art. VI., sec. 2 par. 3, it is ORDERED that, effective September 1, 2019, 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 require attorneys to submit Tax Court transcript requests for purposes of appeal through the eCourts-Appellate system and to provide that all (electronic and hard copy) Tax Court transcript requests for purposes of appeal shall be served on the Appellate Division Clerk's Office. The provisions of this order shall remain in effect pending development and adoption of conforming rule amendments or until further order.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "S. G. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Justice

Dated: July 16, 2019