

NOTICE TO THE BAR

ATTORNEYS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A CURRENT CELL PHONE NUMBER (AND EMAIL ADDRESS) AS PART OF ANNUAL ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION


By Order of July 20, 2017 (previously published), the Supreme Court relaxed Rules 1:20 and 1:21 so as to require New Jersey attorneys to provide an email address as part of the annual electronic registration process and to maintain a valid email address to be used for official Judiciary purposes.

The Court by Order of July 29, 2019 (published with this notice) added the requirement that attorneys also provide and maintain a current cell phone number to be used for official Judiciary purposes. The additional requirement of a cell phone number will allow for the implementation of a more secure two-factor authentication process. That process will support an added security protection that is the industry standard to confirm that the individual accessing the Attorney Registration and Payment system is authorized to do so.

Attorneys will be required to update any changes to their email address or cell phone number within 30 days of that change. An attorney may request an exemption (as to the requirement to provide an email address and/or a cell phone number) by sending that request in writing to Hon. Glenn A. Grant, Acting Administrative Director of the Courts, through the Superior Court Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; any such submission must detail the basis for the request.

The Attorney Registration and Payment System currently includes fields for attorneys to provide both an email address and a cell phone number. Attorneys are encouraged to include that information now. The Court's order provides that the two fields for an attorney's individual email address and cell phone number will become mandatory no later than January 1, 2020, to coincide with the next annual electronic registration process. At that time, attorneys will not be able to complete the registration process without providing both an email address and a cell phone number.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michelle M. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, by email at michelle.smith@njcourts.gov or by telephone at 609-421-6100.



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

Dated: August 2, 2019

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const. Art. VI., sec. 2 par. 3, it is ORDERED that the provisions of the Court's July 20, 2017 Order relaxing and supplementing Rules 1:20 and 1:21 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are modified so as to require New Jersey attorneys to also provide a cell phone number in addition to an email address for official Judiciary use, with such official use to include but not be limited to dual-factor authentication as a security requirement to use the Attorney Registration and Payment System.

As of the date of this order, the Attorney Registration and Payment System includes fields for attorneys to provide an email address and a cell phone number. Fields for an attorney's individual email address and cell phone number will become mandatory no later than January 1, 2020 in order to implement the terms of this order. This order and the July 20, 2017 order will remain in effect pending development and adoption of conforming rule amendments.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: July 29, 2019