

NOTICE TO THE BAR

DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE COURT CASES INVOLVING CERTAIN MASSAGE ENVY FRANCHISEES

A previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on an application for designation as Multicounty Litigation (MCL) of certain New Jersey state cases alleging personal injuries as a result of alleged sexual assaults by massage therapists employed by certain Massage Envy franchisees. That application was submitted pursuant to Rule 4:38A and the Multicounty Litigation Guidelines and Criteria for Designation (Revised) as promulgated by Directive #02-19. 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 cases involving Massage Envy franchisees should continue to be filed in the appropriate counties of venue.

This Notice will also be posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (njcourts.com) in the Multicounty Information Center (<https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/index.html>)

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