NOTICE TO THE BAR

CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS – REQUIREMENT OF UNIFORMED/ARMED

SHERIFF'S OFFICER – SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION

The Supreme Court on April 21, 2015 issued administrative determinations on the report and

recommendations of the Statewide Judiciary Security Committee ("Committee"). Due to the

sensitivity of the issues addressed by the Judiciary's Model Court Security Plan and the Committee's

recommendations, those administrative determinations initially were distributed only internally. The

Judiciary already has implemented certain recommendations, including by establishing the Supreme

Court Advisory Committee on Court Security ("Advisory Committee") to continue our ongoing work

to ensure the safety and security of external and internal court users.

This notice follows up on the earlier internal distribution by announcing the Court's approval

of Courthouse Facilities Guidelines Recommendation #1 ("Civil commitment hearings must be

conducted in the presence of a uniformed/armed sheriff's officer including civil commitment hearings

off-site as well as in a courthouse location, where applicable.") Implementation of all of the

Committee's recommendations as approved by the Supreme Court continues through the Advisory

Committee, the Court and Judicial Security Unit, and partnerships with Judiciary stakeholders.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Administrative Director's Office at

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