

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 2:15-10 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective September 2, 2020.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. R. Guzman", is written over the printed name of the Chief Justice.

Chief Justice

Dated: August 14, 2020

## 2:15-10. Action on Completion of Preliminary Investigation

On completion of its preliminary investigation, the Committee may:

(a) ... no change

(b) ... no change

(c) if it finds conduct by the judge that does not constitute conduct for which there is probable cause that public discipline should be imposed but that is conduct of the type set forth in Rule 2:15-8(a) or other conduct that would reflect unfavorably on the judicial office if it were to become habitual or more substantial in character,

(1) communicate to the judge its private censure, reprimand, admonition caution, or guidance concerning the conduct in question and so notify the person who brought the allegations before the Committee, with a copy of the communication being sent to the Chief Justice, the Administrative Director of the Courts, and the judge's Assignment Judge or, if applicable, the Presiding Judge of the Tax Court or the Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division. In the exercise of his or her discretion, an Assignment Judge may forward a copy of the communication to the judge's Superior Court or Municipal Court Presiding Judge, as may be applicable; or

(2) ... no change

(3) ... no change

Note: Adopted July 23, 1974, effective immediately; paragraphs (b) and (c) amended July 13, 1994 to be effective September 1, 1994; caption and text of former Rule 2:15-10 deleted and new caption and text adopted February 3, 1997 to be effective March 1, 1997; subparagraph (c)(1) amended July 27, 2006 to be effective September 1, 2006; paragraph (a) amended and new subparagraph (c)(3) adopted December 2, 2019 to be effective immediately; subparagraph (c)(1) amended August 14, 2020 to be effective September 2, 2020.