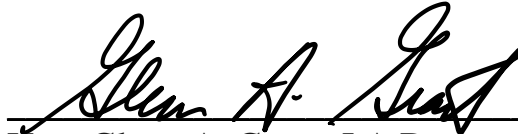


## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### **JUDICIAL SECURITY – AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1:18B (“JUDICIAL FINANCIAL REPORTING”)**

The Supreme Court has adopted amendments to Rule 1:18B (“Judicial Financial Reporting”) so as to require notice to a judge when their financial reporting statement has been requested and to authorize the Administrative Director of the Courts to redact information that may pose a security risk to the judge, their family members, or others. The Court’s December 8, 2020 Order is attached.

Questions may be directed to Superior Court Clerk Michelle Smith at [Michelle.Smith@njcourts.gov](mailto:Michelle.Smith@njcourts.gov) or (609) 421-6100.

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Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: December 11, 2020

## **SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:18B-3 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Roberts", is written over the text "For the Court,".

Chief Justice

Dated: December 8, 2020

### 1:18B-3. Retention and Disclosure of Statements

(a) Retention. The submitted reports shall be maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts on behalf of the Supreme Court.

(b) Disclosure. The reports shall be available to the public upon request. Requests must be in writing addressed to the Administrative Director of the Courts and must set forth in detail the specific report sought and the requesting party's name and address. The Administrative Director may promulgate a standard form for such requests, in which case every request must be submitted using that standard form. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the Administrative Director shall provide the requesting party with a copy of the specific reporting statement sought.

(c) Security Considerations. Before disclosing a judge's judicial financial reporting statement, the Administrative Director shall: (1) inform the judge of the request for the statement, and (2) redact from the statement any information that could pose a security threat to the judge, the judge's family members, or others.

Note: Adopted January 15, 2020 to be effective immediately; new paragraph (c) added December 8, 2020 to be effective immediately.