NOTICE TO THE BAR

LANDLORD TENANT – ATTORNEYS REQUIRED TO FILE IN eCOURTS

The Supreme Court has ordered that effective October 12, 2021, all New Jersey attorneys will be required to file pleadings and other documents in landlord tenant cases in eCourts. After that date, if an attorney files a landlord tenant document in JEDS, the filing will be rejected by the clerk without a refund of the filing fee. The Court's October 1, 2021 Order is attached.

As noted in the <u>September 22, 2021</u> notice to the bar, the Judiciary eCourts system now supports the filing of all pleadings and other documents in landlord tenant matters. Guidance on how to file though eCourts is available on the Judiciary's eCourts Training <u>webpage</u>. In addition, the August 31, 2021 webinar on residential landlord tenant reforms and eCourts functionality is available on the Judiciary's website.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Assistant Director for Civil Practice Taironda Phoenix, at (609) 815-2900 x5400 or <u>Taironda.Phoenix@njcourts.gov.</u>

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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

The Court previously established eCourts and the Judiciary Electronic Document Submission ("JEDS") system as approved electronic filing systems for the trial divisions of the Superior Court and for the Tax Court pursuant to Rule 1:32-2A(a) ("Authorization of Electronic Court Systems"). The Court in its <u>May</u> <u>5, 2020 Order</u> required attorneys to file in eCourts where it is available, and to file using JEDS where eCourts is not currently available, except that probate and guardianship documents shall continue to be filed with the County Surrogate. The Court's May 5, 2020 Order further provided that where an attorney files a document in JEDS when eCourts is available, the filing will be rejected by the clerk without a refund of the filing fee.

The Judiciary has recently implemented eCourts for the Special Civil Part, Landlord Tenant ("LT") docket in the Law Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that effective October 12, 2021, all New Jersey attorneys shall be required to file pleadings and other documents in Landlord Tenant cases in eCourts. After that date, if an attorney files a Landlord Tenant document in JEDS, the filing will be rejected by the clerk without a

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refund of the filing fee.

For the Court, 0

Chief Justice

Dated: October 1, 2021