

## **SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:32-1 (“Reports by Judges; Court Clerks; Court Reporters”) and new Rule 1:36-4 (“Reserved Decisions”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective July 1, 2022.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: April 5, 2022

Rule 1:32-1. Reports by Judges; Court Clerks; Court Reporters

(a) Trial Judges Generally.

(1) On or before Monday of each week, [every] each Superior Court and Tax Court trial judge [, except municipal court judges,] shall submit to the Administrative Director of the Courts, on prescribed and supplied forms, a report containing such information as the Administrative Director of the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice, prescribes. Each Superior Court trial judge shall forward a copy of such weekly report to [the] that judge's Assignment [Judges] Judge [of each county in which the judge was sitting during the week covered by such report]. Each Tax Court trial judge shall forward a copy of such weekly report to the Presiding Judge of the Tax Court.

(2) In addition to [those] the weekly reports required in subparagraph (i), [Where a weekly report notes] on or before the first Monday of each month, each Superior Court trial judge shall submit to that judge's Assignment Judge, and each Tax Court trial judge shall submit to the Presiding Judge of the Tax Court, a report of all [a] reserved [decision] decisions that are still undecided as defined by R. 1:36-4.

(b) Judges of Municipal Courts. Every judge of a municipal court shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, submit to the Administrative Director of the Courts, on prescribed and supplied forms, a report for the preceding

month and at other times shall submit such other reports all as the Administrative Director of the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice, requests.

(c) Clerks and Reporters. The clerks of all courts and all official court reporters and reporter supervisors shall submit to the Administrative Director of the Courts such reports at such times as are requested.

Note: Source -- R. 1:30-5, 8:13-10(b). Paragraph (a) amended June 20, 1979 to be effective July 1, 1979; paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) amended July 13, 1994 to be effective September 1, 1994; paragraph (a) divided into subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and amended April 5, 2022 to be effective July 1, 2022.

#### 1:36-4. Reserved Decisions

(a) The clerk shall not mark the record of a motion, hearing, trial, event, or case as completed or disposed when a judge has reserved a decision.

(b) A decision shall be considered to be reserved and reported as such pursuant to R. 1:32-1(a) when:

(1) (A) no further appearance of the attorneys or litigants is required; and (B) no further documents are necessary for the judge to decide the matter; and (C) the matter awaits the decision of the judge; or

(2) (A) no further appearance of the attorneys or litigants is required; and (B) the judge entered an order for post-hearing submissions pursuant to R. 1:36-4(c) and such post-hearing submissions have been received or the deadline for their submission has passed; and (C) the matter awaits the decision of the judge.

(c) If post-hearing submissions are necessary or permitted for the judge to decide the matter, the judge shall set a date certain for such submissions. Such date, which ordinarily should not be more than 30 days after the hearing date, shall be set taking into account relevant circumstances, including the time requested by the attorneys or litigants for post-hearing submissions.

Note: Adopted April 5, 2022 to be effective July 1, 2022.