## NOTICE TO THE BAR

## JURY REFORMS – EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF AGGREGATE (NOT INDIVIDUAL) JUROR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

In furtherance of its direction in <u>State v. Dangcil</u>, 248 N.J. 114, 146 (2021), the Supreme Court previously approved enhancements to the jury questionnaire to ask each summoned juror to voluntarily provide the juror's demographic information as to race, ethnicity, and gender. As announced in a July 14, 2022 <u>notice</u>, the Judiciary began collecting such information, and providing aggregate reports upon request, for cases that opted into the Attorney-Conducted Voir Dire (ACVD) pilot program.

All counties will have demographic information available for jurors reporting on or after June 1, 2023. As juror demographic information becomes available in a particular county, court staff will provide that aggregate information if requested by an attorney in <u>any</u> jury trial (civil and criminal, judge-led voir dire and ACVD) as part of the Rule 1:8-5 petit jury list.

Additional information on ongoing jury reforms is available on the Judiciary website at <a href="https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/jury-reforms">https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/jury-reforms</a>.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Administrative Office of the Courts Jury Management Section at (609) 815-2900 extension 58133.

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