NOTICE TO THE BAR

MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING IN THE TAX COURT

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

As set forth in the attached August 10, 2015 Order, the Supreme Court has approved a two-phase approach to implement mandatory electronic filing of all Tax Court pleadings and other documents in local property tax matters through the New Jersey Judiciary's eCourts system. In order to file documents electronically and view electronic case jackets, attorneys must first register with the Judiciary. Instructions on the three-step registration and use of eCourts, as well as the Attorney Access Request Form, are available at njcourts.com/eCourts.

Phase I

1. In local property tax matters, electronic filing via eCourts of all pleadings and other documents will be required of all attorneys associated with a law firm that filed forty (40) or more local property tax complaints in the Tax Court in calendar year 2014;

2. In local property tax matters, electronic filing via eCourts will be mandatory for all pleadings and other documents filed on behalf of a taxing district named as a party in forty (40) or more local property tax Complaints in the Tax Court in calendar year 2014;

3. The Tax Court Clerk will identify and contact all law firms that meet the first criterion in sufficient time to allow for eCourts registration by September 15, 2015. A list of taxing districts meeting the second criterion is attached. For all other attorneys electronic filing will be optional but encouraged.

4. Attorneys who file paper pleadings and documents that should have been filed electronically will have those documents returned stamped "Received but Not Filed-Must be eFiled via eCourts." The attorney must be registered with eCourts and must electronically file the returned documents within 15 days in order to retain the original submitted date as the actual filed date.

5. Exemptions to these requirements may be granted by leave of court if extraordinary circumstances prevent an attorney or law firm from utilizing eCourts to file a document.

Phase II

1. Phase II is to be implemented at a later date and will require all attorneys to file local property tax appeal pleadings and other documents electronically via eCourts. Advance notice will be given prior to implementation of mandatory electronic filing to enable registration for eCourts.

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Dated: August 14, 2015

Effective September 15, 2015
Taxing Districts Required to Electronically File all Pleadings and Other Documents in Local Property Tax Complaints

Atlantic
- Atlantic City
- Egg Harbor Township

Bergen
- Bergenfield Borough
- Carlstadt Borough
- Cliffside Park Bor
- East Rutherford Bor
- Englewood City
- Englewood Cliffs Borough
- Fair Lawn Borough
- Garfield City
- Hackensack City Little
- Ferry Borough Lodi
- Borough Lyndhurst
- Township Mahwah
- Township Moonachie
- Borough Paramus
- Borough Ridgefield
- Park Village
- Ridgewood Village
- Rochelle Park Twp
- Rutherford Borough
- Saddle Brook Township
- South Hackensack Twp
- Teaneck Township
- Tenafly Borough
- Westwood Borough
- Wyckoff Township

Burlington
- Mount Laurel Township

Cumberland
- Vineland

Essex
- Belleville Twp
- Bloomfield Township
- East Orange City
- Fairfield Township
- Irvington Township
- Livingston Township
- Millburn Township
- Montclair Township
- Newark
- Orange City
- South Orange Vlg Twp
- West Caldwell Township
- West Orange Township

Gloucester County
- All municipalities

Hudson
- Bayonne City
- Hoboken City
- Jersey City
- Kearny Town
- North Bergen Township
- Secaucus Town

Mercer
- Trenton

Middlesex
- Carteret Borough East
- Brunswick Twp Edison
- Township Monroe
- Township New
- Brunswick City Perth
- Amboy City
- Piscataway Township
- South Brunswick Twp
- South Plainfield Bor
- Woodbridge Township

Monmouth
- Freehold Township
- Howell Township
- Long Branch City
- Marlboro Township
- Middletown Township
- Ocean Township
- Red Bank Borough
- Rumson Borough
- Wall Township

Morris
- East Hanover Township
- Hanover Township
- Madison Borough
- Montville Township
- Morristown Town
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
- Rockaway Township

Ocean
- Brick Township
- Jackson Township
- Lakewood Township
- Toms River Township

Passaic Clifton City
- Hawthorne Borough
- Passaic City
- Paterson City
- Totowa Borough
- Wayne Township
- West Milford Township

Somerset
- North Plainfield
- Franklin Twp.

Union
- Elizabeth
- Hillside Township
- Linden City
- Plainfield City
- Rahway City
- Roselle Borough
- Scotch Plains Twp
- Summit City
- Union Township
- Westfield Town

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS the New Jersey Judiciary has successfully implemented the eCourts electronic filing system in the Tax Court for all local property tax matters, permitting attorneys to file pleadings and all other documents electronically and to view electronic case jackets;

And the Supreme Court having approved a proposal to move towards making the use of eCourts maridatory for all attorneys:

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, §2, par. 3, that effective September 15,2015 and until further order:

1. In local property tax matters, electronic filing via cCourts of all pleadings and other documents will be required of all attorneys associated with a law firm that filed forty (40) or more local property tax complaints in the Tax Couti in calendar year 2014.

2. In local property tax matters, electronic filing via eCourts will be mandatory for all pleadings and other documents filed on behalf of a taxing district named as a party in forty (40) or more local property tax complaints in the Tax Court in calendar year 2014.

3. Rule I:5-6(c) is supplemented and relaxed such that attorneys in the matters identified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above who file paper pleadings and documents that should have been filed electronically will have those documents returned stamped "Received But Not Filed- Must be eFiled via eCourts." The attorney must be registered with eCourts and must electronically file the returned documents within 15 days in order to retain the original submitted date as the actual filed date.

4. The supplemented and relaxed Rules of Court as provided for in the Court's January 21, 2015 Order remain in effect.

5. Exemptions to these requirements may be granted by leave of court if extraordinary circumstances prevent an attorney or law firm from utilizing eCourts to file a document.

For the Comt,

Chief Justice

Dated: August 10,2015