

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Re: Limitation of Designation of Lead-Based Paint Litigation as a Mass Tort

Accompanying the publication of this Notice to the Bar is a copy of an Order dated March 17, 2002 signed by Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz. The Order amends the Court's previous Order dated February 11, 2002 by limiting the designation of lead-based paint litigation as a mass tort to all such pending and future litigation statewide brought by public entities, i.e., counties and municipalities of the State of New Jersey, seeking damages or other relief arising out of the manufacture, sale, distribution or use of lead-based paint. As provided in the original Order, all such cases are transferred to Middlesex County to be handled on a coordinated basis by the Honorable Marina Corodemus with the assistance of a Special Master appointed with the approval of the Chief Justice.

Dated: March 18, 2002

Richard J. Williams, J.A.D. Administrative Director of

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the previous Order of the Court dated February 11, 2002 is amended to limit the designation of lead-based paint litigation as a mass tort to all such pending and future litigation statewide brought by public entities, i.e., counties and municipalities of the State of New Jersey, seeking damages or other relief arising out of the manufacture, sale, distribution or use of lead-based paint.

For the Court

Chief Justice Dated: March 18, 2002

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