

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Mediation/Arbitration of “Lemon Law” Cases – Statewide Pilot Program

The Supreme Court has approved a statewide pilot program that will allow counsel and pro se parties in “Lemon Law” cases (N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 et seq.) filed in Superior Court to choose the complementary dispute resolution (CDR) modality to be used for the particular case. This pilot program will commence statewide on January 1, 2006 and will apply to all Superior Court “Lemon Law” cases answered subsequent to that date.

Under the program, following the filing of the first answer, all counsel and pro se parties will be sent a notice providing them the opportunity to select whether the case should go to mediation pursuant to R ules 1:40-4 and 1:40-6, non-binding arbitration pursuant to R . 4:21A et seq ., or voluntary binding arbitration pursuant to guidelines approved by the Supreme Court and posted on the Judiciary’s Internet website at www.njcourtsonline.com. Failure to affirmatively choose a CDR modality will result in the case being referred to mediation no sooner than 90 days after joinder.

Any questions concerning this program should be directed to:

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