

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY



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NOTICE TO THE BAR

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Judicial Vacancies and Court Administration

As many of you are aware, Bergen County currently has six (6) judicial vacancies and by September 1st, 2014 we will have nine (9).

Despite all our efforts, with that shortage, we will be unable to serve you and your clients as we wish.

As such, I have determined, upon consultation with the Chief Justice, that as of September 15th, 2014 there shall be no trials conducted in the Civil or Family Divisions which are expected to last longer than two weeks, subject, of course, to the discretion of the Presiding Judge and any orders that may have been entered previously.

I do so reluctantly, but with the understanding that it is my obligation to attempt to ensure this vicinage addresses the matters of as many litigants as we can within a reasonable time period.

Further, as of September 15th, 2014 there shall only be three full time jurists serving in the Criminal Part.

As it is our obligation to attempt to have the matters of individuals who are incarcerated heard in a timely fashion, it is envisioned I may have to utilize judges from the Family and/or Civil Parts to assist the Criminal Division.

I am mindful these dislocations may cause you and your clients difficulties. You may, though, rest assured we will continue to do the best we are able under existing circumstances with the hope the Bergen vicinage's difficulties will be addressed in a reasonable timely manner.

Your patience and cooperation is solicited, and shall be appreciated.


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