

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Venue in DV Final Hearings

The Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, in *N.J.S.A. 2C:25-29a*, states that a final hearing is to be held "in the county where the ex parte restraints were ordered, unless good cause is shown for the hearing to be held elsewhere." To conform the Rules of Court to that statutory provision, the Supreme Court by order of July 7, 2005 amended the second sentence of paragraph (f) of Rule 5:7A to read as follows: "The final hearing is to be held in the county where the ex parte restraints were ordered, unless good cause is shown for the hearing to be held elsewhere." The Court's order and rule amendment were previously published here. Questions or comments regarding this rule amendment may be directed to Harry T. Cassidy, Assistant Director for Family Practice, in the Administrative Office of the Courts. Assistant Director Cassidy can be reached by telephone at 609-984-4228 or by mail at Family Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 983, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0983.

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