

NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE ARBITRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A previous Notice to the Bar (July 25, 2016) sought comments on the report of the Supreme Court Arbitration Advisory Committee that made a number of recommendations regarding the court-annexed arbitration program relating to arbitrator compensation, the trial de novo fee, and arbitrator qualifications and training. This Notice is to advise as to the Supreme Court's actions on that report.

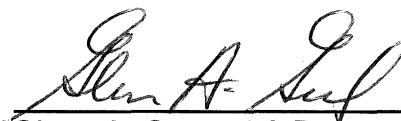
The Court approved certain amendments regarding arbitrator qualifications and training as follows:

- Amendments to Rule 4:21A-2(b) so as to increase the experience requirement from seven to ten years for individuals seeking to be arbitrators; and to provide that Certified Civil Trial Attorneys with requisite experience are entitled to automatic inclusions on the roster; and
- Amendments to Rule 1:40-12(c) restructuring the continuing education requirements for arbitrators

These amendments are included in the July 28, 2017 Omnibus Rule Amendment Order and thus will be effective September 1, 2017.

The Court did not approve the other proposals submitted by the Advisory Committee, including proposed increases in the trial de novo fee and the arbitrator compensation per diem rate.

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