

# Supreme Court of New Jersey

Consistent with Executive Order No. 17, issued by Governor Jon Corzine on July 1, 2006, declaring a state of emergency and closing state offices for regular business except for essential services and functions as provided for in that Executive Order until such time as a General Appropriations Law is enacted for Fiscal Year 2007;

IT IS ORDERED that retroactive to July 1, 2006, and during the term that Executive Order No. 17 remains in effect, the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division, the Superior Courts, the Tax Court, and all supporting operations of the state courts, including the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall be closed except for emergent court matters and such other essential functions and supporting operations as may be determined by the Chief Justice, provided, however, that this Order shall not apply to the Municipal Courts; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that retroactive to July 1, 2006, and during the term of this Order, in the computation of time periods under the Rules of Court and any statute of limitations, each day that the state courts are closed shall be deemed the same as a legal holiday, with the time periods and statutes of limitations tolled for state court matters; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that retroactive to July 1, 2006, and during the term of this Order, the provisions of the preceding paragraph regarding the tolling of time periods and statutes of limitations in state court matters are applicable to civil commitment hearings provided for by N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1, et seq., and by Rule 4:74-7 as to adults and Rule 4:74-7A as to minors, except that the 72-hour judicial reviews required

by Rule 4:74-7(b)(1) and the 20-day judicial review hearings required by Rule 4:74-7(c)(1) shall be handled as emergent matters; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that the terms of all grand juries impaneled as of July 1, 2006, shall be extended for the duration of the term of this Order.

/s/ Deborah T. Poritz

C.J.

Dated: July 3, 2006