

NOTICE TO THE BAR

LANDLORD/TENANT – ATTORNEYS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRETRIAL/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES AS PART OF LIMITED REPRESENTATION – RELAXATION OF RULE 1:11-2(C)

The Supreme Court by Order dated September 30, 2020 has relaxed Rule 1:11-2(c) ("Appearance by Attorney for Client Who Previously Had Appeared Pro Se") so as to permit an attorney representing a party in a residential landlord/tenant pretrial/settlement conference to enter an oral appearance on the record without payment of an appearance fee, where the scope of the attorney's representation is limited to the pretrial/settlement conference. Such limited representation is consistent with Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2(c) ("Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority Between Client and Lawyer"), so long as the attorney obtains the client's informed consent. The Court's September 30, 2020 Order is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Grant", is written over a horizontal line.

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: October 9, 2020

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const., Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, it is ORDERED, that effective immediately and until further order Rule 1:11-2(c) (“Appearance by Attorney for Client Who Previously Had Appeared Pro Se”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey is relaxed and supplemented so as to permit an attorney representing either party in a residential landlord/tenant pretrial/settlement conference, where the scope of the attorney’s representation is limited to the pretrial/settlement conference, to enter an oral appearance on the record without payment of an appearance fee.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: September 30, 2020