

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rules 1:39-1 (“Board on Attorney Certification”), 1:39-1A (“Certification Committees”), and 1:42-2 (“Board on Continuing Legal Education”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. R. ...", is written over the text "For the Court,".

Chief Justice

Dated: July 9, 2026

Rule 1:39-1. Board on Attorney Certification

(a) Appointment; Officers. The Supreme Court shall appoint a Board on Attorney Certification consisting of not more than eleven members of the bar of the State of New Jersey. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of four three-year terms for a total of twelve years.

[No member who has served four full three-year terms successively shall be eligible for immediate appointment. Members appointed to fill unexpired terms may be reappointed to four successive terms.] The Supreme Court shall annually designate a Chair and a Vice Chair from among the members of the Board. The Secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners shall serve as Secretary. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall designate a member of the Administrative Director's staff with fiscal responsibilities to serve as Treasurer.

(b) Quorum. ... no change

(c) Regulations. ... no change

(d) Operations. ... no change

(e) Legal Education Activities. ... no change

(f) Reports. ... no change

(g) Staffing and Funding. ... no change

(h) Fees. ... no change

(i) Effect of Board Membership. ... no change

(j) Immunity. ... no change

Note: Adopted January 26, 1979 to be effective April 1, 1979; paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), and (i) amended May 15, 1980 to be effective September 8, 1980; paragraph (i) amended November 5, 1986 to be effective January 1, 1987; paragraph (a) amended February 8, 1993 to be effective immediately; paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), and (i) amended June 28, 1996, to take effect September 1, 1996; paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) amended July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; paragraphs (d), (f), (h), and (i) amended, paragraphs (e) and (g) caption and text amended, and new paragraph (j) adopted July 20, 2011 to be effective September 1, 2011; paragraph (a) amended July 9, 2026 to be effective immediately.

Rule 1:39-1A. Certification Committees

(a) Appointment; Officer. The Supreme Court shall appoint a Civil Trial Law Committee, a Criminal Trial Law Committee, a Matrimonial Law Committee, a Workers' Compensation Law Committee, and a Municipal Court Trial Law Committee. The Court shall appoint no fewer than three and no more than eleven members of the bar to serve on each Attorney Certification Committee. Committee members shall be appointed for three-year terms and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of four three-year terms for a total of twelve years. [No member who has served four full three-year terms successively shall be eligible for immediate reappointment. Members appointed to fill unexpired terms may be reappointed to four successive full terms.] The Supreme Court shall designate one member of each Committee to serve as Chair of that Committee. The Chairs shall serve as members of the Board on Continuing Legal Education and the Board on Attorney Certification.

(b) Quorum. . . . no change

(c) Operations. . . . no change

(d) Effect of Certification Committee Membership. . . . no change

(e) Immunity. . . . no change

Note: Adopted June 28, 1996, to be effective September 1, 1996; paragraphs (a) and (c) amended and new paragraph (d) adopted July 5, 2000 to be effective

September 5, 2000; paragraphs (a) and (b) amended, paragraph (d) caption amended, and new paragraph (e) adopted July 20, 2011 to be effective September 1, 2011; paragraph (a) amended July 9, 2026 to be effective immediately.

Rule 1:42-2. Board on Continuing Legal Education.

(a) Organization. The Supreme Court shall establish a Board on Continuing Legal Education to administer the program of continuing legal education in accordance with these rules. The Board shall consist of not more than eleven members of the bar of the State of New Jersey and shall be appointed by the Supreme Court. Three members of the Board must also be members of the Board on Attorney Certification. Additionally, one member shall be the annual designee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and one shall be the annual designee of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. The Administrative Director of the Courts or the Administrative Director's designee shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board. Other than the designee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the designee of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law, and the Administrative Director or the Administrative Director's designee, members shall be appointed for three-year terms and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of four three-year terms for a total of twelve years [with the terms of approximately one-third of those members expiring each year. No member who has served four full three-year terms successively shall be eligible for immediate reappointment. Members appointed to fill unexpired terms may be reappointed to four successive terms]. The Supreme Court annually shall designate a chair and vice chair from among the members of the Board.

(b) Authority. ... no change

(c) Quorum. . . . no change

(d) Staffing and Funding. . . . no change

(e) Audit. . . . no change

Note: Adopted December 18, 2009 to be effective immediately; paragraph (a) amended July 9, 2026 to be effective immediately.