

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const. Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, it is ORDERED that, effective immediately through August 31, 2016, the provisions of paragraph (c) ("Arbitrator Qualification and Training") of Rule 1:40-12 ("Mediators and Arbitrators in Court-Annexed Programs") of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are supplemented and relaxed so as to suspend the requirement that arbitrators serving in the court-annexed arbitration program attend a two-hour biennial training course in the areas of (a) reinforcing and enhancing relevant arbitration skills and procedures; (b) ethical issues associated with arbitration; or (c) other matters related to arbitration. The purpose of this suspension of the biennial training requirement is to provide the Supreme Court Arbitration Advisory Committee with the opportunity to develop and recommend to the Court an improved and more effective training course for arbitrators. This rule relaxation does not affect the provisions of paragraph (c) of Rule 1:40-12 that set out the initial training requirement for new arbitrators.

For the Court,
/s/ Stuart Rabner
Chief Justice

Dated: May 6, 2014