

## **SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 7:12-4 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 "Stuart Rosen", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Justice

Dated: July 16, 2019

Rule 7:12-4. Violations Bureau; Designation; Functions

(a) Establishment. If the court determines that the efficient disposition of its business and the convenience of defendants so requires, it may establish a violations bureau and designate the violations clerk. The violations clerk may be the municipal court administrator, the deputy court administrator, other employee of the court, or, with the prior approval of the Supreme Court, any other appropriate official or employee of the municipality, except any elected official or any officer or employee of a police department in the municipality in which the court is held. If no municipal official or employee of the municipality is available, any other suitable and responsible person may be appointed subject to the prior approval of the Supreme Court. The judge designated to preside over a joint or central municipal court may establish a violations bureau. The violations clerk may be the municipal court administrator, the deputy court administrator, other employee of the joint or central municipal court, or, with the prior approval of the Supreme Court, any other appropriate official or employee of the municipality in the instance of a central municipal court or of any of the municipalities comprising the joint municipal court, except any elected official or any officer or employee of a police department in the municipality in which the court is held. If no such municipal official or employee is available, any other suitable and responsible person may be appointed subject to the prior approval of the Supreme Court. The violations clerk shall accept appearances, waiver of trial, pleas of guilty and payments of fines and costs in non-indictable offenses, subject to the limitations as provided by law or Part VII of the Rules of Court or the Statewide Violations Bureau Schedule approved by the [Supreme Court] Administrative Director of the Courts. The violations clerk shall serve under the direction and control of the designating court.

(b) ... no change

(c) ... no change

(d) ... no change

Source-Paragraph (a): R. (1969) 7:7-1; paragraph (b): R. (1969) 7:7-2; paragraph (c): R. (1969) 7:7-3; paragraph (d): R. (1969) 7:7-4. Adopted October 6, 1997 to be effective February 1, 1998; paragraph (d) amended July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; paragraph (a) amended June 15, 2007 to be effective September 1, 2007: paragraph (a) amended July 16, 2019 to be effective immediately.