

Directive # 12-04

TO: Assignment Judges

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SUBJ: RATINGS OF LAW SCHOOLS – US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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In Directive #33-65, issued July 8, 1966, Administrative Director McConnell advised the judges of the Supreme Court's conclusion that it would be inappropriate for judges to participate in the rating of attorneys as part of Martindale-Hubbell's attorney rating system. That Directive remains in effect.

This Directive is to advise judges that it would be similarly inappropriate to provide ratings of law schools as part of US News & World Report's survey of "America's Best Graduate Schools". Judges in your vicinage may have received a request this month to complete a questionnaire rating the various law schools throughout the United States, including New Jersey's three law schools. Please advise the judges in your vicinages as to the inappropriateness of completing and submitting that survey.