

Notice to the Bar

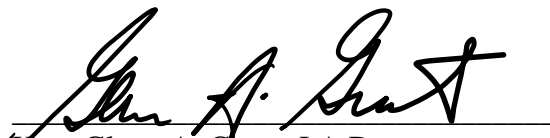
SUPERIOR COURT TRUST FUND -- RESUMPTION OF PAYMENT OF INTEREST TO ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND STATUTORY COMMISSIONS TO TREASURY

In 2011, because of the state of the economy and the effect on interest rates, the Supreme Court suspended the statutory payment of commissions to Treasury on monies paid out of the Superior Court Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 22A:2-20 (Order dated February 7, 2011); payment of interest to account holders also was suspended at that time. By order dated September 30, 2020, the Court has determined that payment of the statutory commissions to Treasury will resume effective November 1, 2020. The Court's order also provides that payment of accrued interest to account holders will resume on November 1, 2020 as well. The order further provides that the Trust Fund's reserve is increased from \$3 million to \$5 million. The Court's September 30, 2020 Order is attached to this notice.

The deposits in the Trust Fund are aggregated and invested in the State Investment Fund. The interest generated by that investment is used for three purposes: (1) to reimburse the state for the administrative costs of running the Trust Fund, primarily salaries (which payments are made to Treasury on a quarterly basis with an authorizing order by the Chief Justice); (2) to create an adequate reserve; and (3) as interest to the account holders to generally offset the statutory commissions to Treasury.

Interest is accrued and calculated monthly. All administrative costs are paid before commissions and interest are calculated. The amount of interest for each account is calculated as the difference between the pro rata share for that account of the interest earned by the Fund minus the amount of commission paid to Treasury on payments made from that account. Matters will receive interest only where there is money on deposit in the Trust Fund on the last day of the month. Any money withdrawn prior to the end of the month is not entitled to interest.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Superior Court Clerk Michelle M. Smith at 609-815-2900 ext. 54200 or michelle.smith@njcourts.gov.



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

Dated: October 16, 2020

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

With regard to the maintenance and operation of the Superior Court Trust Fund (“Fund”), it is ORDERED that the Court’s Order dated February 7, 2011 temporarily suspending the payment of statutory commissions on monies paid out of the Fund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 22A:2-20 is rescinded, with payment of commissions to resume effective November 1, 2020; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Fund is to continue to reimburse the State Treasurer on a quarterly basis for the “salaries, services, and supplies furnished for administration of the fund” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:5-3; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that effective November 1, 2020 interest is to accrue and be paid monthly on funds on deposit in the Fund where (1) there are funds on deposit at the end of the month and (2) any funds withdrawn prior to the completion of any month shall not receive the interest for that month; and

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Superior Court Trust Fund reserve is to be increased to \$5 million from the present \$3 million effective November 1, 2020.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: September 30, 2020