

## **NOTICE TO THE BAR**

### **TERMINATIONS OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS -- PROCEDURES**

The New Jersey Domestic Partnership Act (L. 2003, c.246, codified at N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq.), which became effective July 10, 2004, provides that terminations of domestic partnerships shall be within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court (N.J.S.A. 26:8A-10). The Supreme Court, by order of July 22, 2004, published with this Notice, relaxed and supplemented the following rules effective immediately so as to apply where applicable the rules and procedures relating to dissolution matters to terminations of domestic partnerships: Rule 5:4-1 ("Process"), Rule 5:4-2 ("Complaint"), Rule 5:4-3 ("Answer, Acknowledgment, Appearance"), Rule 5:5-1 ("Discovery"), Rule 5:5-2 ("Case Information Statement"), Rule 5:5-4 ("Motions in Family Practice"), Rule 5:7-1 ("Venue"), and Rule 4:43 ("Default"). More specific procedures for these matters will be promulgated by Directive shortly.

Richard J. Williams, J.A.D.  
Administrative Director of the Courts  
Dated: August 11, 2004

## **ORDER**

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It is ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const. Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, that effective immediately and until further Order, the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are hereby relaxed and supplemented so as to apply where applicable the following Rules relating to dissolution matters to terminations of domestic partnerships under the Domestic Partnership Act, L. 2003, c. 246 (codified at N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq.): Rules 5:4-1 ("Process"), 5:4-2 ("Complaint"), 5:4-3 ("Answer, Acknowledgment, Appearance"), 5:5-1 ("Discovery"), 5:5-2 ("Case Information Statement"), 5:5-4 ("Motions in Family Practice"), 5:7-1 ("Venue"), and 4:43 ("Default").

For the Court  
Deborah T. Poritz  
Chief Justice  
Dated: July 22, 2004