

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rules 1:38-5 and 1:38-7 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: October 18, 2011

1:38-5. Administrative Records Excluded from Public Access

The following administrative records are excluded from public access:

(a) ... no change

(b) ... no change

(c) ... no change

(d) ... no change

(e) ... no change

(f) ... no change

(g) ... no change

(h) ... no change

(i) ... no change

(j) ... no change

(k) ... no change

(l) ... no change

(m) ... no change

(n) ... no change

(o) ... no change

(p) Records of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct to the extent provided under R. 2:15-20[.] ;

(q) Records of the Office of the Ombudsman, except for court user satisfaction survey reports, statewide daily contact reports, and information related to community outreach events.

Note: New Rule 1:38-5 adopted July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; paragraph (g) amended January 5, 2010 to be effective immediately; paragraph (p) amended and new paragraph (q) added October 18, 2011 to be effective immediately.

1:38-7. Confidential Personal Identifiers

(a) ... no change

(b) ... no change

(c) ... no change

(d) Judgment Debtors. [Applications for any] Any writ, order, or judgment issued by the court involving a judgment debtor or any application therefor may include the judgment debtor's name(s), address, date of birth, the last four digits of active financial account numbers, and the last four digits of the individual's Social Security number. No other personal identifiers shall be included.

(e) ... no change

(f) Redaction of Social Security Numbers from Records in Bulk. Any request for the mass release, in bulk, of [electronically stored or microfilmed] records, no matter how maintained or stored, containing Social Security numbers must be submitted to the Administrative Director of the Courts. A bulk release request is a request for the release of a substantial number of records that would involve an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate, resulting in a disruption of court operations. A fee may be charged for the cost of redacting Social Security numbers from such records.

Note: New Rule 1:38-7 adopted July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; paragraph (e) amended September 22, 2009 to be effective immediately; paragraphs (d) and (f) amended October 18, 2011 to be effective immediately.