

NOTICE TO THE BAR

RE: HEARING ON RULE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY SUPREME COURT RULES COMMITTEES

The Supreme Court has scheduled a hearing on Supreme Court Committee reports for **Tuesday, May 23, 2006**, in the Supreme Court courtroom, Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will cover the following reports and recommendations previously published for comment:

- Reports from these 2004-06 committees published for comment in the March 6, 2006 New Jersey Law Journal and New Jersey Lawyer:

Civil Practice Committee
Special Civil Part Practice Committee
Committee on the Tax Court

- Recommendations also published for comment in the March 6, 2006 New Jersey Law Journal and New Jersey Lawyer from these committees that will not be reporting in full until 2007 pursuant to the Court's recent staggering of the reporting cycles of its rules committees:

Criminal Practice Committee
Family Practice Committee

- Reports from 2004-06 committees published for comment in the March 20, 2006 New Jersey Law Journal and New Jersey Lawyer:

Professional Responsibility Rules Committee
Civil Practice Committee (Supplemental Report)
Special Civil Part Practice Committee (Supplemental Report)

- Report of the Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution regarding mediator compensation, as published for comment in the March 20, 2006 New Jersey Law Journal and New Jersey Lawyer.
- Rule amendments proposed by the Conference of Civil Presiding Judges, as published for comment in the March 13, 2006 New Jersey Law Journal and the March 20, 2006 New Jersey Lawyer.
- Recommendations for certain amendments to the presumptive Civil case track assignments proposed by the Conference of Civil Presiding Judges, as published for comment in the March 13, 2006 New Jersey Law Journal and the March 20, 2006 New Jersey Lawyer.

All of these previously published reports and recommendations also are posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us>).

Consistent with the previously published notices to the bar, written comments may be submitted on the above-listed reports and rule proposals through May 8, 2006, with any such comments to be sent to Acting Administrative Director of the Courts Philip S. Carchman, Rules Comments, Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 037, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0037. Written comments also may be submitted electronically to Acting Administrative Director Carchman to the following e-mail address: Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us

Note that there may be additional rule proposals published for comment prior to the May 23 hearing date. The notice accompanying publication of any such additional proposals will indicate whether those proposals also would be covered at the May 23 hearing.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the May 23 hearing should notify me in writing by May 8, 2006, at the address set forth below. The request must specify the proposal(s) on which the individual seeks to speak and whether the speaker will be representing an organization. The address is:

Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk
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Requests to speak at the hearing also may be made by e-mail to the following address: SupremeCT.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us.

/s/ Stephen W. Townsend
Clerk of the Supreme Court

Dated: April 5, 2006