

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### **TRAINING/RESOURCE MATERIALS TO ASSIST ATTORNEYS ASSIGNED TO REPRESENT DEFENDANTS IN MUNICIPAL COURT APPEALS**

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner last year formed a working group to develop training and resource materials for attorneys assigned pursuant to Madden v. Delran (126 N.J. 591 (1992)) to provide pro bono representation to defendants in municipal court appeals. The Working Group was chaired by Judge Harry Carroll (Vicinage 2) and included among its members additional judges, attorneys, and court staff with experience in the area of municipal court appeals. The training materials are intended to assist attorneys assigned these mandatory pro bono cases in providing effective representation to their assigned clients.

The material developed by the Working Group, entitled "Defending a Municipal Court Appeal – A Primer for Assigned Counsel," is posted on the Judiciary's website at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/probono/index.htm> and was developed to assist assigned counsel who may not be fully familiar with this particular case type, though others involved in municipal court appeals may also find the manual helpful.

This is the third such pro bono attorney training manual to be posted on the Judiciary's website. The first training manual provides guidance to attorneys assigned to represent defendants in domestic violence contempt matters. The second manual provides guidance regarding representation of defendants in parole revocation hearings.

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