

NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE ON JURY SELECTION – GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A September 28, 2021 [notice](#) provided initial information about the upcoming Judicial Conference on Jury Selection, as called for by the Supreme Court in [State v. Andujar](#) (A-6-20) (decided July 13, 2021). This notice provides additional information about that Judicial Conference, which will be conducted on November 10 and 12, 2021, with on-site attendance by invitation and open registration for virtual participation.

Guide to the Judicial Conference

The two-day Judicial Conference will cover an array of topics related to jury selection, as detailed in the earlier notice. Published with this notice (and posted on the Judicial Conference [webpage](#)) is a [Guide to the Judicial Conference on Jury Selection](#). This resource document provides relevant historical background and context, definitions of key terms, and an overview of scholarship on implicit bias, peremptory challenges, and nationwide efforts to reform jury processes. The Guide is intended to support open and meaningful discussion as to the interrelated options under consideration to improve the jury selection process in New Jersey.

Request for Public Comment

The Supreme Court invites public comments on any or all issues to be addressed at the Judicial Conference. All submissions will be included in the official record. To the extent practicable, written submissions received by October 29, 2021 will be provided for consideration by the Judicial Conference Committee and invited presenters and may be posted on the Judicial Conference webpage.

Please send any pre-Conference comments in writing by November 3, 2021, as follows:

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Comments on Jury Selection Process (Pre-Judicial Conference)
Hughes Justice Complex; P.O. Box 037
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Comments may also be submitted via email to: Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov. Additional post-Conference comments will be requested by future notice to the bar.

The Supreme Court will not consider comments submitted anonymously. Thus, those submitting comments by mail should include their name and address (and those submitting comments by email should include their name and email address). Comments are subject to public disclosure upon receipt.

General Questions

Questions on the Judicial Conference on Jury Selection may be directed to the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts at (609) 376-3000.



Chief Justice Stuart Rabner



Administrative Director Glenn A. Grant

Dated: October 19, 2021