NOTICE TO THE BAR

Re: Training Requirements for Civil Arbitrators

Effective September 1, 2004, the Supreme Court amended R. 1:40-12(c) so as to require all individuals serving as arbitrators in the court-annexed civil arbitration program to complete at least three classroom hours of initial training in a course approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and at least two hours of continuing education every two years. Individuals serving as arbitrators in the program must satisfy the initial training requirement no later than March 1, 2005 and furnish written proof of this to the AOC at the address below. Moreover, every two years, written proof must be furnished to the AOC indicating that an individual has satisfied the continuing education requirement specified in the rule. In this regard, the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) will be offering a series of approved courses that will be presented regionally. ICLE will provide information on these approved courses to every arbitrator currently on the statewide roster.

Any questions regarding this Notice or the training requirements for civil arbitrators may be directed to:

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