## 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 22**, **2007**, 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 2004-07 committees published for comment in the February 26, 2007 New Jersey Law Journal (NJLJ) and New Jersey Lawyer (NJL):

Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution
(as supplemented by Notice published in the
April 9, 2007 NJLJ and the April 30, 2007 NJL)
Criminal Practice Committee
Family Practice Committee
Committee on Minority Concerns
Municipal Court Practice Committee
Committee on the Rules of Evidence

- Report of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee, as published for comment in the March 19, 2007 NJLJ and NJL.
- Report and recommendations of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee regarding fee arbitration confidentiality (Rule 1:20A-5), as published for comment in the December 18, 2006 NJLJ and NJL.
- Supplemental Report of the Criminal Practice Committee, as scheduled to be published for comment in the April 30, 2007 <u>NJLJ</u> and the May 7, 2007 <u>NJL</u>.

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

Note that there may be additional rule proposals published for comment prior to the May 22 hearing date. The notice accompanying publication of any such additional proposals will indicate whether those proposals also would be covered at the May 22 hearing.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the May 22 hearing should notify me in writing by May 14, 2007, 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. Please note that the limit on each speaker's presentation is five minutes.

The address is:

Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk Supreme Court of New Jersey Hughes Justice Complex P.O. Box 970 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0970

Requests to speak at the hearing also may be made by e-mail to the following address: <u>SupremeCT.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us</u>.

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

Dated: April 26, 2007