

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 4:32-2 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted effective immediately.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: October 9, 2007

4:32-2. Determining by Order Whether to Certify a Class Action; Appointing Class Counsel; Notice and Membership in the Class; Multiple Classes and Subclasses

(a) Order Determining Maintainability; Certifying Class. When a person sues or is sued as a representative of a class, the court [as soon as practicable] shall, at an early practicable time, determine by order whether to certify the action as a class action. An order certifying a class action shall define the class and the class claims, issues or defenses, and shall appoint class counsel in accordance with paragraph (g) of this rule. The order may be altered or amended prior to the entry of final judgment.

(b) ... no change

(c) ... no change

(d) ... no change

(e) ... no change

(f) ... no change

(g) ... no change

(h) ... no change

Note: Effective September 8, 1969; paragraphs (b) and (c) amended November 27, 1974 to be effective April 1, 1975; paragraph (b) amended July 13, 1994 to be effective September 1, 1994; caption amended, paragraphs (a) and (d) caption and text amended, paragraph (b) amended, former R. 4:32-4 deleted and readopted as amended as new paragraph (e), former R. 4:32-3 deleted and adopted as reformatted as new paragraph (f), and new paragraphs (g) and (h) adopted July 27, 2006 to be effective September 1, 2006, paragraph (a) amended October 9, 2007, to be effective immediately.