NOTICE OF HEARING

HEARING (MAY 28) ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1:38 AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

The Supreme Court has scheduled a hearing for **Wednesday**, **May 28**, **2008**, **at 10:00 a.m.** on the report and recommendations of the Supreme Court Special Committee on Public Access to Court Records. The hearing will be in the Supreme Court courtroom in the Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton. The Special Committee's report was published for comment in New Jersey Law Journal (191 NJLJ 135 (January 14, 2008)) and the New Jersey Lawyer (17 NJL 133 (January 21, 2008)). The Report also is posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us).

The Report proposes amendments to Rule 1:38, *Confidentiality of Court Records*, and makes recommendations on policies relating to public access to court records, including records in electronic form.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the May 28 hearing should notify me in writing by Monday, May 19, 2008, at the address set forth below. The request must specify the aspect(s) of the Special Committee's report 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:

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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 4, 2008