

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Supreme Court Adopts Amendments to Rule 1:20-6(b) (3)

The Supreme Court of New Jersey hereby announces the adoption of amendments to Rule 1:20-6(b) (3), effective January 1, 2011. The amendments provide that the selection of special ethics masters and the maintenance of the list of those qualified to serve in that capacity will be handled by the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

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Clerk of the Supreme Court

Dated: December 8, 2010

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

IT IS ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:20-6(b)(3) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are hereby adopted to be effective January 1, 2011.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: December 8, 2010

1:20-6. Hearings

(a) ... no change

(b) Special Ethics Masters.

(1) ... no change

(2) ... no change

(3) Designation; Oversight. When, in the judgment of the Director, a hearing may reasonably be expected to take three days or more, or where the case should be heard continuously from day to day until conclusion, or when the Director believes it is in the interest of justice to do so, the Director may request designation of a special ethics master to try the case. An Ethics Committee chair may request the Director to [appoint] request the appointment of a special ethics master. The Director shall determine the appropriateness of such an appointment pursuant to the above criteria and other relevant considerations [.] and shall notify the Clerk of the Supreme Court of that determination. Upon receipt of that notification, the Clerk of the Supreme Court shall select a special ethics master from a list of qualified individuals maintained and approved by the Supreme Court. The Director shall render appropriate administrative and legal services to special ethics masters.

(4) ... no change

(c) ... no change

(d) ... no change

(e) ... no change

Note: Adopted January 31, 1995 to be effective March 1, 1995; paragraph (c) amended July 25, 1995 to be effective immediately; paragraph (b)(2) amended July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (c)(2)(E)(i) amended July 12, 2002 to be effective September 3, 2002; paragraphs (a) and (b) amended, paragraph (c) caption and text amended, former paragraph (d) deleted and new paragraph (d) adopted

July 28, 2004 to be effective September 1, 2004; new paragraph (e) adopted July 27, 2006 to be effective September 1, 2006; subparagraph (c)(2)(F) amended August 1, 2006 to be effective September 1, 2006; subparagraphs (b)(1) and (c)(2)(A) amended July 9, 2008 to be effective September 1, 2008; paragraph (b)(3) amended December 8, 2010 to be effective January 1, 2011.