

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MASS TORTS – PROPOSED TERMINATION OF MASS TORT DESIGNATION AND CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT OF THE IN RE TOMS RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION LITIGATION

By Orders dated January 12, 2001 and February 6, 2001, the Supreme Court designated all New Jersey state-court *In re Toms River* environmental contamination litigation as a mass tort and assigned it to Judge Marina Corodemus in Middlesex County for centralized case management. The matters were reassigned to Judge Ann G. McCormick by Order dated October 1, 2004 and thereafter to Judge Jamie D. Happas by Order dated July 14, 2009.

Judge Happas has reported to the Administrative Director of the Courts that all active cases in this litigation have been concluded. She thus recommends that the mass tort designation and centralized management of the *In re Toms River* litigation be terminated, in accordance with the provisions of the “Revised Mass Tort Guidelines” (Directive #7-09) and Rule 4:38A.

Any comments on this proposed termination of the mass tort designation and centralized management of the New Jersey state-court *In re Toms River* litigation must be submitted in writing, with relevant supporting documentation, to the Administrative Director of the Courts, P. O. Box 037, Trenton, NJ 08625-0037, **by August 8, 2011**. Comments or objections also may be submitted by e-mail to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us

Once this comment period has closed, the proposed termination of the mass tort designation will be submitted to the Supreme Court for its consideration and action. Please note that comments submitted will be subject to public disclosure.

/s/ Glenn A. Grant

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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: July 8, 2011