

NOTICE TO THE BAR

MASS TORTS – TERMINATION OF MASS TORT DESIGNATION OF THE IN RE TOMS RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION LITIGATION

In accordance with Court Rule 4:38A and the Revised Mass Tort Guidelines as promulgated by Directive #7-09, a previous Notice to the Bar sought comments on the recommendation of Superior Court Judge Jamie D. Happas for termination of the mass tort designation and centralized management of the Toms River Environmental Contamination Litigation. This Notice is to advise that the Supreme Court, having received no comments, has terminated the mass tort designation and centralized management of all pending and future state-court litigation constituting the Toms River Environmental Contamination Litigation.

The Supreme Court's September 13 Order is published with this Notice. The Order also is posted on the Judiciary's Internet website (www.njcourts.com) in the Mass Tort Information Center (www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mass-tort/index.htm).

Questions concerning the Court's termination of the mass tort designation and centralized management of the Toms River Environmental Contamination Litigation may be directed to Leslie A. Santora, Chief, Civil Court Programs, Civil Practice Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 981, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0981; telephone (609) 292-8471; email address: leslie.santora@judiciary.state.nj.us.

/s/ Glenn A. Grant

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: September 14, 2011

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the Court's Orders of January 12, 2001 and February 6, 2001 designating all pending and future New Jersey state-court civil litigation involving In re Toms River Environmental Contamination Litigation as a mass tort and transferring all such existing and future cases to Middlesex County (Vicinage 8) for centralized case management and discovery purposes, as well as the Court's subsequent Orders of October 1, 2004 and July 14, 2009, are hereby terminated.

For the Court,

/s/ Stuart Rabner

Chief Justice

Dated: September 13, 2011