

NOTICE TO THE BAR

2012 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

The Supreme Court of New Jersey having ruled on the Disciplinary Oversight Committee ("DOC") and New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program ("NJLAP") budgets for 2012, and the need for an assessment for the Board on Continuing Legal Education ("BCLE") the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection ("Fund") is now in a position to conduct the assessment for the calendar year 2012. The money collected through the assessment will support the Fund, the disciplinary process, NJLAP, and BCLE. The breakdown for 2012 is as follows:

| <u>Calendar Year of Admission</u> | <u>DOC Portion</u> | <u>FUND Portion</u> | <u>NJLAP Portion</u> | <u>BCLE Portion</u> | <u>TOTAL Assessment</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | No Fee |
| 2011 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | \$ 35.00 |
| 2009- 2010 | 135.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | \$170.00 |
| 1964 - 2008 | 135.00 | 50.00 | 10.00 | 4.00 | \$199.00 |
| 1963 & Prior | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | No Fee |

The Registration and Payment Center will open in February for payment of the 2012 assessment by individual attorneys who have previously registered on-line. Email reminders will be sent out in early February only to those prior users. Attorneys who have yet to use the on-line site but wish to do so or who wish to be a part of their firm's group payment, should wait for a postcard that will be sent by regular mail also in February and will contain their unique user ID and temporary password. The Supreme Court encourages all New Jersey licensed attorneys to register on-line, and as an incentive to do so has authorized a \$5 discount from the above fees. The discount will appear on-line at the time of check-out. The paper billing notices will be mailed in mid-March to those who have not registered on-line. The deadline to avoid late fees and potential ineligibility for this year's billing is April 27, 2012.

Since the billing address is the one that shows through the window envelope, it is required by R. 1:28-2 that an effective mailing address be kept current with the Fund. Address changes for the 2011 billing should be made in writing as soon as possible. Our fax number is (609) 394-3637; our mailing address is P.O. Box 961, Trenton, NJ 08625-0961. Please note that the address you use as your official mailing address is **not confidential**. For lawyers who pay online, it is equally important for you to **keep your e-mail address current** with the Fund at all times.

Finally, please note that the 2012 assessment for lawyers admitted pro hac vice, in-house counsel, and multijurisdictional practitioners is **\$199.00**.

Board of Trustees
New Jersey Lawyers' Fund
For Client Protection
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