

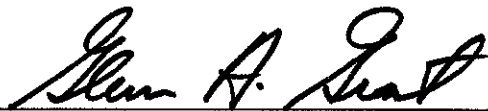
NOTICE TO THE BAR

Supreme Court Action on 2010-2012 Report of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee

The Supreme Court has considered the rule and non-rule recommendations contained in the 2010-2012 report of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee ("PRRC"). Rule changes adopted by the Court are included in the 2012 Omnibus Rule Amendment Order dated July 19, 2012 to be effective September 4, 2012. See www.judiciary.state.nj.us/notices/index.htm. The PRRC's proposed amendments to Rule 1:21-1(a) (regarding bona fide office) remain under consideration by the Court; a subsequent notice will be issued after the Court has completed its review.

The Court also approved the following non-rule recommendations contained in the PRRC's report:

- (1) The Court agreed to appoint a task force to consider whether to amend RPC 1.8(g) (the "aggregate settlement rule").
- (2) As noted in the PRRC report, the Court earlier agreed in acting on an out-of-cycle report to appoint a task force to consider whether RPC 1.6 should be amended to create an exception to a lawyer's duty to maintain confidentiality of information relating to the representation of a client when the information demonstrates that an innocent person has been convicted of a crime with significant penal consequences (the "wrongful incarceration" exception to client confidentiality)..



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