NOTICE TO THE BAR

COMPUTATION OF DISCOVERY END DATE IN CASES REMANDED FROM FEDERAL COURT – AMENDMENTS TO RULE 4:24-1 – DELAYED OPERATIONAL DATE

As part of its July 22, 2014 omnibus rule amendment order, the Supreme Court adopted a new paragraph (d) ("Remand from the United States District Court") in Rule 4:24-1 ("Time for Completion of Discovery") regarding the computation of the discovery end date for cases removed to federal court and then remanded back to Superior Court. The amendments provide that the time between the removal to federal court and the remand back to state court is to be excluded from the computation of the discovery end date.

This Notice is to advise that while the formal effective date of this amendment to R. 4:24-1(d) is September 1, 2014, the operational date of the amendment will be January 1, 2015 in order to allow for the necessary programming changes to the Judiciary's Automated Case Management System.

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