## NOTICE TO THE BAR

## OCTOBER 21 SUPREME COURT HEARING ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF STATE COURT FEE INCREASES PURSUANT TO L. 2014, C. 31

By notice to the bar dated September 15, 2014, the Supreme Court requested comments on the proposed schedule of state court fee increases pursuant to L. 2014, c. 31 (S. 946). That legislation, signed into law on August 11, 2014, authorizes the Court to "adopt Rules of Court to revise or supplement filing fees and other statutory fees payable to the court for the sole purpose of funding: (1) the development, maintenance and administration of a Statewide Pretrial Services Program; (2) the development, maintenance and administration of a Statewide digital e-court information system; and (3) the provision to the poor of legal assistance in civil matters by Legal Services of New Jersey and its affiliate." L. 2014, c. 31, §12a. The projected effective date of the fee increases and new fees that will be adopted through this process is Monday, November 17, 2014.

That notice indicated that the comment period would end on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. The Court has extended the comment period through Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

As also set forth in that earlier notice, the Court will hold a **hearing** on the proposed schedule of state court fee increases on **Tuesday**, **October 21**, **2014**, **at 3 p.m**. in the Supreme Court courtroom in the Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton. Anyone who wishes to speak at the October 21 hearing must notify the Administrative Director of the Courts in writing prior to that date by regular mail or by email to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us. The request must specify whether the speaker will be representing an organization. Please note that the time limit on each speaker's presentation will be five minutes.

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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: October 15, 2014