NOTICE TO THE BAR

eCourts - Standardized Attorney Participation Agreement

As the Judiciary continues to develop and implement eCourts across the various divisions and courts, one concern is to make the process as user friendly as possible. That includes minimizing the number of different user names, passwords, and portals that attorneys will need to use in order to take full advantage of the benefits provided by electronic filing and automated case management. It is for that reason that we have created one standardized eCourts participation agreement to cover all divisions and courts and have automated that participation agreement. This notice provides details regarding the standardized eCourts attorney participation agreement.

The standardized participation agreement was put into place as part of the eCourts registration process on March 18, 2016. Thus, any attorney who registered for eCourts <u>after</u> that date certified to the standardized agreement as part of that registration process. However, attorneys who registered for any eCourts application prior to March 18, 2016 certified to an application-specific participation agreement; all such attorneys now will need to certify to the new standardized participation agreement. The process for doing so is set forth in the following paragraph. This should be done prior to June 30, 2016 to the extent possible.

Beginning on June 15, 2016, any attorney who registered for any eCourts application on or prior to March 18, 2016 will receive a prompt for the new participation agreement the first time the attorney logs in to eCourts on or after June 15. Making an electronic checkmark in the agreement box will be deemed as certification of acceptance of the new participation agreement as of that date. Attorneys should complete this recertification process by June 30, 2016. From June 15, 2016 through June 30, 2016, attorneys who have not yet certified acceptance of the new participation agreement will nonetheless continue to receive court notices electronically through eCourts. As of July 1, 2016, attorneys who have not certified to the new participation agreement will no longer receive court notices electronically via eCourts until such time

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as they certify to the acceptance of the new participation agreement (by following the simple process set forth above).

Attorneys are encouraged to ensure that their email addresses contained in eCourts are up to date, as those addresses are used for all electronic notifications from the court. Attorney email addresses may be changed or updated directly in eCourts or by selecting the "Update Contact Information" tab in the Attorney Registration page on the Judiciary's website at www.njcourts.gov.

Questions concerning the attorney participation agreement certification process may be directed to Michelle M. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, at 609-421-6100 or michelle.smith@njcourts.gov.

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