

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### MANDATORY eCOURTS AND NON-ACCEPTANCE OF PAPER FILINGS – eCOURTS CIVIL, DC (SPECIAL CIVIL), AND FORECLOSURE

The Supreme Court in its mandatory eCourts orders for Foreclosure and DC (Special Civil) cases (September 23, 2016 order) and for Civil cases (May 30, 2017 order) included language relaxing the provisions of Rule 1:5-6 such that documents that are required under the Court's orders to be filed electronically but are instead submitted in paper form are to be marked as "received but not filed," and returned to the filing party with the instruction to file the document electronically within ten days in order to preserve the original received date as the filed date. This Notice is to advise that the Court, in its July 5, 2017 order published with this notice, has amended both prior orders so as to specifically eliminate that provision.

Accordingly, effective immediately for eCourts Foreclosure and eCourts DC and effective as of the mandatory electronic filing date for each vicinage for eCourts Civil, any document submitted in paper form for filing by a New Jersey licensed attorney shall be rejected for filing. The notice of such rejection will advise the attorney to file the matter electronically. Once the attorney does so, that date will be the filed date (not the earlier date that the document was erroneously submitted in paper form). Additionally, the Court's order provides that the language in Rule 1:5-6(b) permitting direct filing of matters with a judge or with chambers staff will no longer be applicable as of the mandatory electronic filing date for each vicinage.

Questions regarding (a) eCourts DC Special Civil Part may be directed to Lloyd Garner, Chief, Special Civil Part Services, by email to [lloyd.garner@njcourts.gov](mailto:lloyd.garner@njcourts.gov) or by phone at 609-815-2900 ext. 54900; (b) eCourts Foreclosure, to Michelle M. Smith, Superior Court Clerk, by email to [michelle.smith@njcourts.gov](mailto:michelle.smith@njcourts.gov) or by phone at 609-421-6100 or; and (c) eCourts Civil, to Taironda E. Phoenix, Chief, Civil Court Programs, by phone at 609-815-2900 ext. 54900 or by email to [taironda.phoenix@njcourts.gov](mailto:taironda.phoenix@njcourts.gov).



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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.  
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: July 6, 2017

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that, effective immediately and until further order, the Court's May 30, 2017 Order regarding mandatory eCourts Civil is amended so as to provide that as of the mandatory electronic filing date for each vicinage, any document submitted in paper form by an attorney for filing in a Civil matter (Law Division, Civil Part (the L docket)) shall be rejected for filing, with the direction to the attorney to file the matter electronically; in such instances the date the document is received electronically through eCourts will be the filed date.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Rule 1:5-6(b) regarding direct filing of matters in a vicinage with a judge or with chambers staff shall not be applicable as of the mandatory electronic filing date for that vicinage.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that, effective immediately and until further order, the Court's September 23, 2016 Order regarding mandatory eCourts DC (Special Civil) and mandatory eCourts Foreclosure is similarly amended so as to provide that any paper submitted by an attorney for filing in a Special Civil Part matter (DC docket) or in a Foreclosure matter (F docket) shall be rejected for filing, with the direction to file the matter electronically; in such instances the date the document is received electronically through eCourts will be the filed date.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that all other provisions of the Court's May 30, 2017 and September 23, 2016 Orders shall remain in full force and effect until further order.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: July 5, 2017