NOTICE TO THE BAR

CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS – REQUIREMENT OF UNIFORMED/ARMED SHERIFF'S OFFICER – SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION

The Supreme Court on April 21, 2015 issued administrative determinations on the report and recommendations of the Statewide Judiciary Security Committee ("Committee"). Due to the sensitivity of the issues addressed by the Judiciary's Model Court Security Plan and the Committee's recommendations, those administrative determinations initially were distributed only internally. The Judiciary already has implemented certain recommendations, including by establishing the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court Security ("Advisory Committee") to continue our ongoing work to ensure the safety and security of external and internal court users.

This notice follows up on the earlier internal distribution by announcing the Court's approval of Courthouse Facilities Guidelines Recommendation #1 ("Civil commitment hearings must be conducted in the presence of a uniformed/armed sheriff's officer including civil commitment hearings off-site as well as in a courthouse location, where applicable.") Implementation of all of the Committee's recommendations as approved by the Supreme Court continues through the Advisory Committee, the Court and Judicial Security Unit, and partnerships with Judiciary stakeholders.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Administrative Director's Office at (609) 376-3000.

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