

NOTICE TO THE BAR

ADDITIONAL RESCINDED ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVES

The Judiciary continues to review all Administrative Directives as part of our effort to maintain current and relevant policies and procedures. As indicated in prior Notices related to this ongoing review, the directives have been categorized for purposes of this review project as follows: (a) Directives Requiring No Revision and remaining in effect as issued; (b) Rescinded Directives; (c) Directives revised with Technical Revisions; (d) Directives Reissued with Substantive Changes; and (e) Directives Pending Revisions (these directives will require further updates, to be developed and issued at a later time).

This Notice advises of a number of Administrative Directives that fall into the second category referenced above, that is, directives that by this notice are being rescinded. The effect of rescission is that the text of each of these rescinded directives will be removed from the compilation of directives, retaining only the number, date, and subject for historical reference purposes, along with a notation that it has been rescinded.

The directives that are rescinded by this Notice, effective immediately, are as follows (including the basis for rescission):

#69-62 – Adoption Records and Opinions

This Directive addressed the concerns that records in adoption appeals were not being impounded and that the anonymity of the parties was not being protected in appellate opinions. The issues have been administratively remedied. There thus is no longer the need for this directive.

#12-83 – Notices to the Bar

This directive set out a protocol for the review and publication of Notices to the Bar. While Notices to the Bar are still vetted through the Office of the Administrative Director, there is no need for this protocol to be covered by a directive.

February 28, 1989 – Submission of Grant Proposals to External Funding Sources

This directive addressed the preparation of grant proposals for funding Judiciary programs and projects. While the protocol continues that the Administrative Director must approve all grant proposals prior to their submission, there is no need for this protocol to be covered by a directive.

#08-89 – Special Appellate Division Panel for Emergent Environmental Appeals – Directive; Order

This Directive, which established a Special Appellate Division Environmental Panel, by its own terms was intended as an interim measure. The special panel has not existed for some time, and emergent applications have been required to be filed directly with the Appellate Clerk's office since 2013.

#09-04 – Procedures for Termination of Domestic Partnerships

This directive addressed the procedures to be used by Judiciary staff when processing applications to terminate domestic partnerships. Since those procedures are now covered in the Dissolution Manual, this directive is no longer necessary.

To obtain copies of any Rescinded Directives, contact the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts at 609-376-3000, or by fax: 609-376-3002, or by mail: AOC, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 7th Floor North, PO Box 037, Trenton, NJ 08625-0986.



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