

NOTICE TO THE BAR

FAMILY -- PROCEDURAL AMENDMENT TO RULE 1:40-5(b)

The Supreme Court in the attached April 5, 2022 Order has amended Rule 1:40-5("Mediation in Family Part Matters") so as to provide that the Administrative Director of the Courts or designee is responsible for review and approval of applications by individuals who seek to mediate economic aspects of family law matters.

Questions on this notice should be directed to Assistant Director for Family Practice Joanne Dietrich at (609) 815-2900 x55350.

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Glenn A. Grant
Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: April 22, 2022

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:40-5(b) (“Mediation of Economic Aspects of Dissolution Actions”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Rabner". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Justice

Dated: April 5, 2022

Rule 1:40-5. Mediation in Family Part Matters

(a) Mediation of Custody and Parenting Time Actions...no change.

(b) Mediation of Economic Aspects of Dissolution Actions.

(1) Referral to ESP ...no change.

(2) Designation of Mediator of Economic Aspects of Family Law Matters. [A credentials committee comprised of representatives from the Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution shall be responsible for reviewing and approving all mediator applications.]

The Administrative Director of the Courts, or the Administrative Director's designee, shall be responsible for reviewing and approving all mediator applications. Applicants must complete an application form posted on the Judiciary's Internet web site [(www.judiciary.state.nj.us or www.njcourtsonline.com)] www.njcourts.gov. Mediators who meet the training requirements set forth in this rule, and any other approved criteria developed by the Family Court Programs Subcommittee of the Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution shall be added to the Roster of Approved Mediators. The roster shall be maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be posted on the Judiciary's Internet web site.

(3) Exchange of Information ...no change.

(4) Timing of Referral ...no change.

(5) Adjournments ...no change.

Note: Adopted July 14, 1992 to be effective September 1, 1992; new paragraph (c) adopted January 21, 1999 to be effective April 5, 1999; caption and paragraphs (a) and (b) amended July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; caption amended, former paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) redesignated as paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3), new paragraph (a) caption adopted, and new paragraph (b) adopted July 27, 2006 to be effective September 1, 2006; paragraph (a)(2) amended July 31, 2007 to be effective September 1, 2007; paragraph (b) amended and redesignated as paragraph (b)(1), caption for paragraph (b)(1) added, and new paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5) adopted July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; paragraph (b) caption amended, subparagraph (b)(1) caption and text amended, and subparagraph (b)(4) amended July 21, 2011 to be effective September 1, 2011; subparagraph (b)(2) amended April 5, 2022 to be effective immediately.