NOTICE TO THE BAR

REVIVAL OF JUDGMENTS ISSUED BY NEW JERSEY STATE AGENCIES BEFORE EXPIRATION -- OMNIBUS APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Supreme Court has authorized a protocol for the Attorney General to proceed by omnibus application for revival of New Jersey State agency-issued judgments that are set to expire. The Court's June 30, 2022 Order is attached.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:14-5, a judgment in any court of record in this state that has not yet expired can be revived within 20 years of entry. Absent revival, thousands of judgments arising from taxation and other matters would expire each year. Consistent with existing statutory authority, the Attorney General thus seeks to extend such judgments for an additional 20-year period. To optimize efficiency and prudent use of public resources, the Court has approved an omnibus procedure to apply for revival of state judgments that would otherwise expire.

Omnibus applications for revival of expiring state judgments will be filed by Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause in the Law Division, Civil Part, Mercer County. Each judgment debtor will receive notice and an opportunity to object to the application. Contested matters will proceed for hearing by a judge.

Information related to the Omnibus Orders to Show will be posted on the Judiciary's public website: <u>njcourts.gov</u>.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Superior Court Clerk's Office at <u>SCCO.mailbox@njcourts.gov</u> or 609-421-6100.

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Glenn A. Grant Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: June 30, 2022

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:14-5, "[a] judgment in any court of record in this state may be revived by proper proceedings or an action at law may be commenced thereon within 20 years next after the date thereof, but not thereafter." Consistent with such statutory authorization, the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the State of New Jersey seeks to extend certain unexpired judgments issued by New Jersey State agencies. In consideration of the number of judgments approaching expiration, the Court hereby authorizes proceedings by omnibus rather than individual application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that effective immediately and pending further order:

- 1. The Office of the Attorney General is authorized to proceed by omnibus application for revival of expiring state judgments, consistent with the provisions of this order.
- An omnibus application for revival of unexpired judgments will be filed by Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause in the Law Division, Civil Part, Mercer County, for handling by Vicinage Assignment Judge Robert T. Lougy.
- 3. The Attorney General will provide individual notice to each judgment debtor with a matter covered by the omnibus application.

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- 4. The judgment debtor will have an opportunity to contest the application. Any contested matter will proceed for hearing and adjudication by a judge.
- 5. The Administrative Director of the Courts will provide further information about the omnibus application process.

For the Court, 0

Chief Justice

Dated: June 30, 2022