

NOTICE TO THE BAR

THE NEW JERSEY JUDICIARY EXPANDS LIVESTREAMING OF ORAL ARGUMENTS TO THE APPELLATE DIVISION AND ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICLY FILED BRIEFS BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT AND APPELLATE DIVISION

In 2005, the Supreme Court provided the first live webcast of oral argument proceedings in New Jersey, a practice that continues today. The public also has access to archived oral arguments. Through the Judiciary's website, the public can watch live Supreme Court proceedings, view recently argued matters, and track Supreme Court appeals.

As technology evolves, the Judiciary continues to evaluate its operations and look for new ways to increase transparency and improve public access to the court system. Accordingly, the Judiciary plans to take the following steps to enhance the public's ability to observe Supreme Court and Appellate Division hearings remotely, and to provide easier and expanded access to briefs filed in both courts.

- Effective September 4, 2024, the Supreme Court will post all publicly filed briefs for matters being argued before the Court on the Judiciary's website. Briefs will be posted at least five (5) days before oral argument. Matters that are confidential (for example, sealed or otherwise excluded from public access) will not be posted.
- Also effective September 4, 2024, the Judiciary will begin to livestream oral arguments before the Appellate Division. Like the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division will post publicly filed briefs for matters being argued before the court at least five (5) days before oral argument.

While those initiatives are being implemented, the Judiciary will continue to explore ways to expand access to matters of public interest and importance, including at the trial court level.

As meaningful public access is expanded, attorneys are reminded of their obligations – by statute, Court Rule, and other applicable authority – to ensure that filings do not contain confidential information and are redacted in appropriate circumstances. See, e.g., R. 1:38-7; R. 1:38-3.

Questions about filings in specific appellate cases should be directed to the Clerk's Office for the court in which the matter is pending.

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