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Online Attorney Registration System Now Open for 2013 Renewals

The Judiciary's Online Registration and Payment Center for Attorneys is now accepting annual registration information for 2013, announced Daniel R. Hendi, director of the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

The registration and payment center can be accessed at njcourts.com. Click here to go directly to the page.

Implemented in 2008, the online payment center allows attorneys to pay the annual assessment at any time, from any location. Attorneys can receive instant confirmation that their payments have been received and print out receipts for their records.

Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, said, "Our organization is dedicated to prompting the increased utilization of technology as a tool to assist attorneys and the judiciary. This application ensures attorneys are able to register timely and efficiently with immediate verification of registration."

There is no additional charge to use the payment center, which accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

"Last year, 72 percent of licensed New Jersey attorneys chose to register online," said Hendi "The online payment center continues to be the fastest, most convenient way for attorneys to meet their annual registration and compliance requirements."

Attorneys who have paid online in prior years can use their existing login information to make this year's payment.

Those who are using the online payment system for the first time should watch their regular mail for a postcard containing their unique attorney identification number and a temporary password to log onto the system.

The deadline to avoid late fees and potential ineligibility for this year's billing is April 26.

Hendi said, "I would further encourage attorneys to make sure we have their most current email address to expedite the delivery of court notices and other important information."

Attorneys licensed to practice in New Jersey are required to file a registration statement and pay an assessment fee every year. The money from the fees supports the attorney disciplinary process, the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, and the Lawyers' Assistance Program.

Attorneys licensed to practice in New Jersey also are required to participate in a program of continuing legal education. Beginning with the 2013 attorney registration, a noncompliance fee of \$50 will be assessed against attorneys who report that they did not complete the required courses by the annual deadline. Attorneys who fail to complete their courses within the grace period allowed by regulations of the Board on Continuing Legal Education and attorneys who fail to report compliance altogether will be required to pay an additional \$50, bringing the total penalty for noncompliance to \$100 in addition to the annual assessment.

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