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New Jersey Judiciary Unveils New Website

The Judiciary website will have a new look tomorrow, Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, announced today. The new website is available for previewing at <u>njcourts.gov</u>.

"The new website is much cleaner and easier to use, improving access to our courts and enabling litigants, attorneys, jurors and other court users to find information and services more quickly," said Judge Grant.

The redesigned website is organized into six main categories to help users find information more quickly.

The Self-help section is designed for self-represented litigants. It includes forms, instructions and program descriptions to help people represent themselves in court. The Attorneys section offers legal professionals quick access to the online registration system, eCourts, Notices to the Bar, court opinions and other resources. The Jurors section includes links to the online juror questionnaire, links to the daily jury reporting messages for each county, and local contact information. The Pay Traffic Ticket section is specifically for drivers who want to pay tickets online using NJMCDirect, the statewide ticket payment service. The Courts section organizes information about the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division, the Superior Court Clerk's Office, the Superior Court in each vicinage, the Tax Court, the municipal courts, and administrative offices. And the Public/Media section includes press releases, newsletters, live webcasts, and educational materials.

The redesign is the result of a survey administered by the Supreme Court Committee on Access and Fairness to gather feedback from court users on their overall court experience. The survey revealed that 70 percent of the 16,000 respondents agreed that the website was useful. A working group formed by Judge Grant, who chairs the committee, was charged with identifying ways to improve the website.

The new website is "responsive," making it accessible on all devices, including desktops, laptops, tablets and smart phones. This is especially important as more people, and in particular those with limited means, use only tablets or smart phones to access the Internet.

The site also complies with industry guidelines for web-reading devices used by those who are blind or have limited vision.

"This is a significant milestone in our efforts to ensure access and fairness to our courts," said Judge Grant. "Our website is a critical tool for communication, education, and operations, making it important that we ensure its accessibility and usability for all of our customers."

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