## NOTICE TO THE BAR

## COVID-19 – SUSPENSION OF NEW IN-PERSON JURY TRIALS AND IN-PERSON GRAND JURY SESSIONS; REVISED END-DATES FOR EXCLUDABLE TIME

The Supreme Court has immediately suspended new in-person jury trials and in-person grand jury sessions because of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Court's November 16, 2020 Order (attached) is effective immediately and until further order.

Consistent with the Court's October 8, 2020 Ninth Omnibus Order, virtual grand juries have been established in all counties. Existing virtual panels will continue to meet in a virtual format, and in-person panels also may be converted to convene virtually subject to the Judiciary providing technology and training as necessary to support all jurors in participating in virtual sessions. The end-dates for excludable time each have been extended by 45 days beyond the dates set in the October 8, 2020 Ninth Omnibus Order.

The New Jersey Courts will continue to operate in a primarily remote format with limited numbers of judges and court employees on-site and very few court events handled in person.

Questions about this notice may be directed to the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts at (609) 376-3000.

Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

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