

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, that effective immediately and until further order, the provisions of Rule 1:21-12 (“Madden-Exemption Based on Volunteer Qualifying Pro Bono Service”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are supplemented and relaxed so as to permit attorneys who provide at least 25 hours of pro bono legal representation or other services in adult guardianship matters during the course of one year, to request an exemption from court-appointed pro bono service under Madden v. Delran, 126 N.J. 591 (1992) for the following year.

An attorney shall be entitled to request an exemption from other court-appointed pro bono service if they are appointed by the court on a pro bono basis to serve in any of the following roles: (i) attorney for an alleged incapacitated person; (ii) Guardian Ad Litem in a guardianship matter; (iii) temporary pendente lite guardian for an alleged incapacitated person, pending adjudication of the guardianship matter; (iv) permanent guardian of an adjudicated incapacitated person; or (v) special medical guardian.

The provisions of this order shall remain in effect pending adoption of conforming rule amendments.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Palmer".

Chief Justice

Dated: March 1, 2021