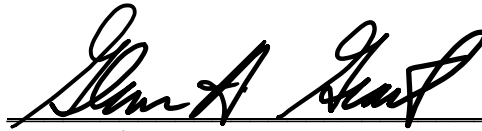


## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### COVID-19 – DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL (R. 4:25-4)

Given the suspension of most civil jury trials during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Supreme Court has relaxed the provisions of Rule 4:25-4 (“Designation of Trial Counsel”), including to suspend the presumptive expiration of the designation of trial counsel in Track III medical malpractice cases. The Court’s June 15, 2021 Order is attached.

Questions about this notice or the Court’s June 15, 2021 Order should be directed to the Civil Practice Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts at (609) 815-2900 x54900.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Grant", written over a horizontal line.

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

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: June 17, 2021

**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, based on the suspension of most civil jury trials during the COVID-19 pandemic, the provisions of Rule 4:25-4 (“Designation of Trial Counsel”) are relaxed and supplemented as follows:

- (1) In determining whether to disregard the designation of trial counsel in Track I or II tort cases pending for more than two years, and in Track III or IV tort cases, other than medical malpractice cases, pending for more than three years, the court shall take into consideration the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (2) The presumptive expiration of the designation of trial counsel in Track III medical malpractice cases is suspended.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: June 15, 2021