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To: All Judges and Attorneys

From: Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge

Subject: New Judges and Re-Assignments

As you may be aware, the New Jersey Senate confirmed eight (8) new judges of compensation during the last two weeks of the legislative session. The current case distributions, office space, support staff and geographical locations of the new judges creates serious administrative problems. Reassignments concerning current judges will be as limited as possible as we accommodate the additional judges.

We are also aware that there is a limit to the number of new lists that can be created without a serious impact on the ability of the insurance carriers and attorneys to cover additional court lists. We may implement a second office day for judges in locations where we are restricted in case inventories and respondent coverage. There will also be an emphasis on resolving older cases and commencing trials in locations with shorter lists and/or an additional office day.

Commencing February 1, 2010, we will also implement some supervisory changes. Administrative Supervisory Judge (ASJ) Audrey Kernan will be ASJ for Atlantic City, Bridgeton, Camden and Toms River and Supervising Judge (SJ) for Atlantic City. ASJ Renee Ricciardelli will be ASJ for Elizabeth, Freehold, Mt. Holly and Trenton and continue as SJ for Trenton. SJ Giovinazzi will be SJ for Bridgeton and Camden. The other supervisory judges are not affected.

We appreciate your assistance and cooperation as we make necessary list and assignment changes.



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