

State of New Jersey

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DAVID J. SOCOLOW Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

March 3, 2009

To: All Judges and Attorneys

From: Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge,

Subject: Child Support Liens

Pursuant to statutory requirements, we have obtained information on Child Support Liens from the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) on a monthly basis inputting the data into our COURTS system. We also have had access to daily information from the Department of Human Services through a program called G-Link. We thus have been checking two sources, the lien screen in COURTS for AOC information and the G-Link data for any changes since the last COURTS data up-date.

G-Link is being phased out by the Department of Human Services. We have been advised by the AOC that the COURTS lien screen data will be the only information that must be satisfied for lien purposes for counties that no longer have G-Link access. The G-Link phase-out schedule by county is attached.

We are bound by whatever information is provided by the AOC once G-Link is eliminated for a county. As you know, the lien according to statute must be satisfied as part of any settlement or judgment. In 2008, approximately \$3.5 million in child support liens were satisfied through workers' compensation closures.

If a party disputes the COURTS Child Support Lien information, such matters must be resolved through the applicable Probation Department prior to the entry of a settlement or judgment.

Attachment

c: Administrator Christopher Leavey



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