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MEMORANDUM

November 28, 2011

To: All Judges and Attorneys

From: Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge 

Subject: Workers' Compensation Discovery Issues Committee

Both petitioner and respondent attorneys have raised concerns with our workers' compensation discovery process. Some present that there are abuses as to motions, subpoenas and contacts with petitioner personal physicians. Others claim that there is a need for greater information on pre-existing conditions and a mechanism to ensure against fraudulent or misleading statements or claims.

In consultation with the Workers' Compensation Section of the State Bar Association, we have formed a Committee to review discovery issues and to make recommendations as to any useful changes, deletions or modifications to current discovery court rules or policies. The Committee members selected by the Bar Section and this office are:

Administrative Supervisory Judge Renee C. Ricciardelli, Co-Chair
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Thomas Miller, Esq.
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Thomas W. Daly, Esq., will serve as staff resource counsel for the Committee

You may contact any Committee member with information, suggestions or recommendations to assist in the Committee review. If you want to disseminate such matters to the entire Committee, please contact Mr. Daly by telephone at 609-777-4924, by fax at 609-984-2515 or by email at Thomas.daly@dol.state.nj.us.

Your support and assistance in this review will be greatly appreciated.

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