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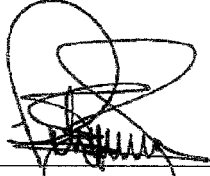
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This revised edition of the New Jersey Domestic Violence Procedures Manual provides procedural guidance for law enforcement officials, judges and judiciary staff in implementing the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act. It is designed to facilitate the prompt resolution of domestic violence matters and provide effective relief to the victims of domestic violence. The Manual is issued jointly by the Judiciary and the Department of Law and Public Safety to provide a seamless system of case handling.

Since it was first issued in 1991, the Domestic Violence Procedures Manual has been updated periodically to reflect amendments to the statute, changes to court rules, and new practices designed to ensure the most efficient management and disposition of these important matters. This edition supersedes the 1998 Manual in its entirety, as well as all previous editions. The changes from the 1998 edition are summarized in the Introduction.

New Jersey has strong laws and protective processes for victims of domestic violence. Users of this Manual will find that it will enable them to implement those laws effectively. Your continued support of this program is very much appreciated.


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