

NOTICE TO THE BAR

EMERGENT APPLICATIONS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS – WEBPAGE; NEW VICINAGE EMAIL MAILBOXES FOR ATTORNEYS AND LITIGANTS

The Supreme Court has approved interim procedures for use during the COVID-19 crisis to support prompt filing and handling of certain emergent applications that cannot be filed electronically, including making available the option of submitting such emergent applications by email. The Court's March 24, 2020 Order is attached. The order also authorizes the temporary suspension of the collection of filing fees where the filing is by a self-represented litigant or by an attorney who does not maintain a collateral account with the Judiciary.

To ensure continued access to our courts, the Judiciary has created Vicinage-level email mailboxes (e.g., AtlEmergent.Mailbox@njcourts.gov) for attorneys and parties to use to submit applications for emergent relief during this public health emergency. Links to these emergent application mailboxes along with instructions for filing various types of emergent applications are posted on the [Judiciary's public website](#). Designated staff will receive and promptly review the emails so that emergent matters can be scheduled before a judge without delay.

The new temporary option of email filing is designed to support submission of emergent applications that cannot be filed through eCourts or promptly received on paper. It is not intended to substitute for existing methods of filing and payment, including through eCourts where available and through mail or hand delivery for matters that are not emergent.

The Judiciary will continue to post current information about COVID-19 related court operations, including options for emergent applications on our webpage (njcourts.gov).



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

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