

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

In response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the New Jersey Judiciary has implemented various modifications to court operations and programs to minimize in-person contact and adhere to crucial social distancing measures recommended by the New Jersey Department of Health (“NJ DOH”) and the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) and in accordance with Executive Order 107 (March 21, 2020).

Consistent with these necessary public health measures, the Judiciary on March 11, 2020 cancelled all upcoming in-person training and certification programs, including scheduled sessions of the Principles of Municipal Court Administration (POMCA) training program.

Since the cancellation of in-person training events will continue for the duration of COVID-19 public health emergency, the Judiciary will be unable to train newly appointed noncertified municipal court directors, municipal court administrators, and deputy municipal court administrators within the timeframes established by Rule 1:41-3.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const., Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, that Rule 1:41-3 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey is relaxed and supplemented so as to toll the time requirements for newly appointed noncertified municipal court directors, municipal court administrators, and deputy

municipal court administrators (1) to obtain conditional accreditation within six months of the date of appointment and (2) to obtain full accreditation within three years of the date of appointment.

This order is effective immediately and until further order.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Just R..." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief Justice

Dated: April 7, 2020