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### Notice to the Bar May 7, 2020

This notice announces additional statewide steps by the New Jersey Division of Workers' Compensation to address the ongoing public health crisis surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak in New Jersey.

In accordance with Governor Murphy's Executive Orders to slow the spread of the virus, all N.J. workers' compensation courts shall continue to be closed to the public and to non-essential court personnel until Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

All twenty-six Judges of Compensation previously assigned by the Director and Chief Judge of Compensation shall continue to hear as many workers' compensation matters as possible in their assigned vicinage by telephonic conferencing, and if possible by video conferencing, including all emergent and non-emergent matters, including trials, pre-trial conferences, motions for medical and temporary benefits, general motions, and settlements.

**There will be no in-person Workers' Compensation Court proceedings** (except for extremely limited emergent matters and certain ongoing motions for medical and temporary benefits and trials, in which case social distancing will be enforced).

Court offices will remain closed for in-person submissions. Filings will continue to be accepted electronically through COURTS On-line.

Please contact each individual workers' compensation court if you have questions about a scheduled hearing, motion, conference, or other matter by email, fax, or telephone.

Hon. Russell Wojtenko, Jr.  
Director and Chief Judge of Compensation  
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