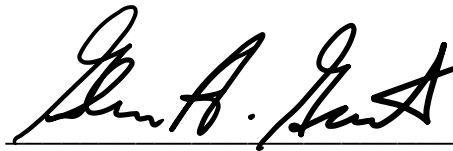


## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### ADOPTION OF NEW COURT RULE 4:74-7B – DISCOVERY IN SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT (SVPA) COMMITMENT MATTERS

The Supreme Court in In the Matter of the Civil Commitment of P.D., A-94-18, decided August 11, 2020, announced a new rule to address pre-hearing discovery in cases involving commitment under the Sexually Violent Predator Act (SVPA), N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.24 to -27.38. Slip opinion at 24-26. The Court indicated that the new rule would be effective for SVPA proceedings thirty days after the date of the decision. Slip opinion at 24.

Based on a motion for clarification, the Court has adopted a minor revision to the text of the new rule to ensure that the rule is interpreted consistently with the statute. This notice is to advise of that revision and to formally promulgate the new rule, Rule 4:74-7B (“Discovery by a Person Subject to Involuntary Commitment Pursuant to the Sexually Violent Predator Act”). New Rule 4:74-7B is appended to this notice, as is the Court’s September 9, 2020 adopting order. Rule 4:74-7B becomes effective September 10, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Grant", is written over a horizontal line.

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.  
Acting Administrative Director  
of the Courts

Dated: September 9, 2020