

NOTICE TO THE BAR

EXPUNGEMENTS -- RELAXATION OF COURT RULES TO FACILITATE ATTORNEY APPEARANCES, SUBSTITUTIONS, AND WITHDRAWALS

Attorneys, including many who volunteer their services, provide invaluable assistance to people seeking expungements. To support those attorneys and their clients, the Supreme Court has formalized certain expungement procedures so as to permit attorneys to appear, substitute, or withdraw as counsel in expungement matters with the consent of the parties (1) without leave of court and (2) without the payment of fees.

The Court's Order relaxing Rules 1:11-2 ("Withdrawal or Substitution") 3:30-1 ("Expungement of Records") and 3:30-2 ("Expungements for Marijuana / Hashish Offenses, Recovery Court, Dismissals / Acquittals, and Clean Slate") is attached. The relaxation of the Court Rules is effective May 1, 2024.

Questions regarding the Court's April 2, 2024 Order should be directed to the AOC Criminal Practice Division at (609) 815-2900 x55300.



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

Dated: April 2, 2024

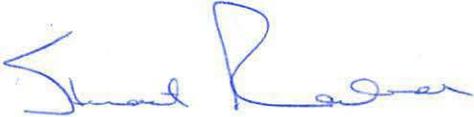
SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const. art. VI, sec. 2, para. 3, IT IS ORDERED that effective May 1, 2024, the provisions of Rules 1:11-2 (“Withdrawal or Substitution”), 3:30-1 (“Expungement of Records”), and 3:30-2 (“Expungements for Marijuana/Hashish Offenses, Recovery Court, Dismissals/Acquittals, and Clean Slate”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are relaxed and supplemented as follows:

1. Rule 1:11-2(a) shall not apply to the entry, withdrawal, or substitution of counsel in petitions for expungement consistent with Rule 3:30-1 and Rule 3:30-2. All entries, withdrawals, and substitutions of appearance of counsel in expungement petitions may be filed at any time, without leave of court and with the consent of all parties, using the appropriate judiciary electronic court system and without payment of a fee.
2. Rule 3:30-1 and Rule 3:30-2 are supplemented to include that all entries, withdrawals, and substitutions of appearance of counsel in expungement petitions may be filed at any time, without leave of court and with the consent of all parties, using the appropriate judiciary electronic court system and without payment of a fee.

The provisions of this Order shall remain in effect pending development and adoption of conforming rule amendment or until further Order.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: April 2, 2024