SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

The Supreme Court in a series of Orders has authorized virtual grand juries on a temporary basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the Court in its <u>May 11, 2021 Order</u> required that as of August 1, 2021, all counties were to have at least one in-person grand jury panel, in addition to any optional virtual grand jury panels. In light of current COVID-19 surge and projections, the Court is temporarily suspending that requirement.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the following provisions are effective immediately through January 17, 2022:

- 1. Counties shall have discretion for all grand juries to meet virtually.
- 2. State Grand Jury may convene in person or virtually.
- 3. All other provisions of the Court's May 11, 2021 Order regarding grand juries remain in effect.

For the Court,

Chief Justice

Dated: December 30, 2021