

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const., Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, IT IS ORDERED that effective immediately and pending further order:

1. The provisions of Rule 1:38 (“Public Access to Court and Administrative Records”) and any other applicable rules are relaxed and supplemented so as to align with L. 2021, c. 189, codified as N.J.S.A. 2A:42-144 to -148, which took effect on December 1, 2021 and established confidentiality standards for certain landlord tenant cases arising out of non-payment or habitually late payment of rent owed between March 9, 2020 and August 3, 2021.
2. Rule 1:11-2(c) (“Appearance by Attorney for Client Who Previously Had Appeared Pro Se”), which was relaxed by Order dated September 30, 2020, is further relaxed and supplemented to permit an attorney providing short-term limited legal services to a client in a residential landlord tenant case to enter a limited appearance to review the case file before undertaking representation. An attorney filing a limited appearance pursuant to this Order shall not be required to pay a filing fee pursuant to Rule 1:43 (“Filing and Other Fees Established Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:1-7”).
3. These rule relaxations shall remain in effect pending the adoption of conforming rule amendments.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: January 4, 2022