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DIRECTIVE #18-08
[Supersedes Directive #12-04]

TO: Assignment Judges

FROM: Glenn A. Grant

SUBJECT: RATINGS OF LAW SCHOOLS - US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

DATE: December 11, 2008

Judges in your vicinage may recently have received a request to complete this year's US News & World Report questionnaire rating the various law schools throughout the United States, including New Jersey's three law schools. Directive #12-04, issued on October 27, 2004, advised judges that it would be inappropriate for judges to provide ratings of law schools as part of US News & World Report's survey of "America's Best Graduate Schools". The Supreme Court has revisited the issue. The Justices were concerned that New Jersey's non-participation may have disadvantaged its law schools. The Court has determined that judicial participation in the survey does not violate any ethical canons and that it, therefore, would not be inappropriate to complete the questionnaire. Accordingly, Directive #12-04 is rescinded. Please so advise the judges in your vicinage.

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