

## **Mt. Laurel Cases**

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Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz

As judges continue to consider *Mount Laurel* issues, I want to be aware of all court appointments that will be made in these cases. This includes appointments of *Mount Laurel* masters, who assist parties in formulating remedies and otherwise complying with court orders, and all other court appointments in these cases as well.

The following procedures will provide needed information in a workable and efficient way. They apply to future appointments, both in cases before the original judges hearing *Mount Laurel* cases (as designated in the Supreme Court Order of June 2, 1983) and in cases before designated vicinage judges (as provided in the Order of December 9, 1988, supplemented on April 19, 1989), except as specifically indicated below.

1. Each judge may make any appropriate appointment, although Assignment Judges may establish particular procedures in a case assigned to a vicinage judge.
2. Within five days after each appointment is made, the judge shall forward to my office a written statement including the name of the case, its docket number, the judge assigned, the name and brief identification of the person appointed, and the type of appointment involved.
3. Until further notice, no special status report of the type discussed in *R. 4:41-1* will be required, again unless the Assignment Judge so requires in a case assigned to a vicinage judge.

These steps shall remain in place for the time being. As the Court has further opportunity to review these various issues, they may change.

### **EDITOR-S NOTE**

No change has been made to the original text.