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From the President's Desk.....

By the time that you read this column, we will be well beyond the halfway point of our Mercer County Bar Association year. It has truly been a whirlwind year with many great events already in the books and many more to come. June was an extremely busy month for the MCBA and our Executive Director Samantha Iraca and the staff did an amazing job to ensure that each event was perfect.

We began June with our annual golf outing at Old York Country Club. It was a perfect day for golf. Our Golf Committee of Ross Switkes, Sam Gaylord, and Mike Paglione put together a great event. Many thanks to our event sponsors Allstate Investigations, Grand Bank, Guy J. Renzi and Associates, and PNC Bank. We would also like to thank our hole sponsors for their generous support.

The annual Women Lawyers Committee Ethics Seminar at Rat's on the Grounds for Sculpture was phenomenal. Committee co-chairs Melissa Chimbangu, Amy Devenny, and Lauren Scardella assembled an all-star panel of Senator Linda Greenstein, Superior Court Judges Darlene Pereksta and Kay Walcott-Henderson, and United States Bankruptcy Court Judge (and former MCBA President) Christine Gravelle. The panelists provided a wealth of advice on how to handle a



variety of ethical dilemmas that lawyers may face. Senator Greenstein also gave valuable information to our members about the process to become a judge or prosecutor, and to be appointed to a State Board or Commission. Our sponsors for the evening, Allstate Investigations, Guy J. Renzi and Associates, and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, were a critical part of making the evening a success.

On June 15, we held our MCBA Night at the Trenton Thunder. Once again, it was a beautiful night for baseball at Arm and Hammer Park. The evening included a great buffet in the picnic area, terrific baseball and our own Stacey Geurds throwing out the ceremonial first pitch (many observers clocked the pitch at 89 m.p.h. and reported that it was right down the middle of the plate).

Our Diversity Committee (co-chaired by Supti Bhattacharya & Sam Toma) and Hill Wallack hosted an evening with Dr. Christopher S. Taylor, Professor of Islamic History and Middle East Studies at Drew University,

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provided a framework for Trustee positions.

understanding Islam as a religious system. Dr. Taylor briefly outlined core beliefs, explained diversity within the tradition, and explained why the correctness of actions, as opposed to beliefs, is more important for Muslims. He contextualized frequently misunderstood concepts and addressed the history and causes of conflict between Islam and both of the other great monotheistic religious traditions also originating in the Mediterranean world.

On July 14, the Young Lawyers Committee will host a co-ed, round-robin softball tournament at Veterans Park in Hamilton. Thank you to Joe Paravecchia and Andrew Ferencevych for organizing this event, where the proceeds will benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation, which honors our veterans and their families in need, as well as LifeTies.

Although July and August are “down months,” the MCBA staff is preparing for September and beyond. The annual Memorial Service will be held on September 4 in Judge Jacobson’s courtroom. The Memorial Service is our opportunity to honor those lawyers who have passed away. We will also have the annual Judges and Law Clerks Dinner on September 26, 2018 and the annual Law Clerks Luncheon on September 19.

In a few weeks, we will ask for letters of interest for those who would like to be more involved in the MCBA as an officer or trustee. There will an opening for the Secretary position and five (5)

The Mercer County Bar Foundation, under the very capable leadership of Tanya Phillips, has completed an extremely successful fundraising campaign. Donations will be made to several charities including the Special Olympics of New Jersey and Sunshine Foundation of Mercer County. Also, the Topper Fund, named in honor of longtime MCBA member David “Topper” Rhoads, donated funds to the MCBF, which were then donated to the Newgrange School to purchase specialized gym equipment.

Our Community Projects Committee, led by Robin Echevarria and Stacey Geurds, just completed a very successful book drive which collected nearly 1,000 books that will be donated to the Trenton Public Schools. A special thank you to Grand Bank for serving as one of our collection locations and “thank you” to all those who donated.

I hope everyone has a happy, enjoyable, and safe summer.



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YOUTH GUN VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

By Judge Lawrence De Bello

Since the Symposium on Youth Violence on December 11, 2017 at the College of New Jersey, as reported in the February 2018 issue of The Bench Press, the Trenton Policy and Prevention Board (“Board”) continues to meet, plan, and finalize the strategic planning toolkit to prevent youth gun violence.

The Trenton Prevention Policy Board (“TPPB”) is a data-and participant-driven planning board that is comprised of non-profit, government, faith-based, and community stakeholders from the greater Trenton area. As part of an initiative from the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, and facilitated by staff at the College of New Jersey, the Board was founded in 2009 to promote positive youth development and reduce juvenile delinquency in the Trenton community.

The Board is closing in on completing step three (3) of the planning toolkit, “Write the Plan”. Steps one (1) and two (2), “Build Partnerships and Raise Awareness” and “Gather and Use Data to Inform Strategies” are completed but updated on a continual basis.

Recently, the Mercer County Juvenile Support Organization, in partnership with the Mercer Council on Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement, hosted an educational presentation at the Donnelly Homes Gymnasium entitled “There’s a Gun in my House.” This is the first of three such presentations to be offered at each of the housing projects in the City of Trenton. The presentation was given to provide caregivers information what to do if they find a gun in their house. The featured speakers included Ms. Kim Nelson-Edwards of the Montclair

Police Department. She captivated the audience with information, in an animated presentation, on parents’ rights and duty to search their child’s bedroom, what to do if bullets, guns, or drugs are found on your child or in their room, where to take it, how to handle it, what information to provide the police, what questions to ask when children “will be over a friend’s house”, or start to wear new clothing you did not buy them. The presentation was well received and extremely informative, and will be presented in the near future at the other housing projects in Trenton.

This type of community based effort to raise awareness about gun violence in the community and to obtain feedback and cooperation from the community, in collaboration with the Board and its government, private, non-profit, institutional, and faith based partners, is at the core of the strategic toolkit being developed by the Board to combat and reduce violence in the community.

It is anticipated that step three, “Write the Plan,” will be completed in the upcoming months with implementation by all partners as soon as possible thereafter. This initiative, and my call to action, began over a year ago and through the dedication and commitment of Board members and partnerships will soon be coming to fruition. More to come!



A NOTE FROM THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE

By Judge Mary C. Jacobson

Communities throughout the country are trying to find creative ways to respond to the opioid crisis. Members of the Bar Association to the country are trying to notify me if they can assist in recruiting employers who would be willing to provide job opportunities in Mercer County for our Drug Court graduates and participants.

In Atlantic County, several major employers, including the Hard Rock and Borgata Casinos and the Atlantic Health Care System, have forged agreements with the County's Drug Court/Recovery Court to provide job opportunities for Drug Court/Recovery Court graduates and participants. If you can provide contacts to us regarding job opportunities, or have ideas that the program could benefit from exploring, please contact me at 609-571-4200, ext. 74499.

Thank you.



A critical aspect of maintaining sobriety and supporting an individual's efforts to remain drug-free is obtaining employment. Consequently, I am encouraging



FAMILY BENCH BAR REPORT

Jennifer Zoschak, Esq,

The Family Bench Bar meeting was held on May 24, 2018 and Judge Fitzpatrick discussed the proper procedure for processing a Divorce on the Papers. Mercer County litigants are able to take advantage of this time-saving, cost effective process, which is not available in all counties. Be sure that your client's certification includes everything you would ask on voir dire, including that the cause of action exists as set forth in the Complaint. Also be careful to include effective dates for support in MSA's or they cannot be enforced by Probation. A Divorce on the Papers is a great way to expedite settled cases without incurring the cost of an appearance.

Mark your calendars for October 11, 2018, to attend the XCLE program on how the new tax laws impact the matrimonial practice. The focus will be on how the tax changes will affect alimony awards (and therefore child support calculations) effective January 1, 2019. XCLE will be held at Mercer County Community College.

Want to stay off the Madden list? Central Jersey Legal Services is still seeking volunteers to take simple Family matters to satisfy pro bono requirements. The Court will give priority scheduling to

those cases, as long as they are made aware in advance. Contact Leslie Chappo if you are willing to help.

Judge Fitzpatrick asked that any attorneys interested in serving as an Early Settlement Panelist contact our ESP co-chairs Patricia Voorhees, Esq., or Brian Paul, Esq. We especially need new male attorneys as there have been a few retirements.

The Meet & Greet with experts is being rescheduled to late November and will be held at Mountain View Golf Club. Please make sure you sign up in advance to avoid cancellation of the event. If you know of any experts who you would like to have invited, please contact Jenn Zoschak, Esq., Lou Ragone, Esq. or the Bar Association.

Our next Bench Bar Meeting will be in September.



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June 1, 2018

Mercer County Bar Association
c/o Stacey Geurds & Robin Echevarria

Dear Members of the Mercer County Bar Association,

The staff, Board of Directors and participants of Meals on Wheels of Mercer County would like to personally thank you for joining our treasured volunteers in a meal delivery on May 17, 2018, specifically Mr. Haggerty and the Honorable Judge Hurd. We always appreciate you being able and willing to take the time to experience the value and importance of Meals on Wheels.

You have made a significant contribution to the lives of our homebound participants in Mercer County. We applaud your generous spirit and desire to aid a very special part of our community - the elderly and homebound – and look forward to your continued support!

Sincerely,

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Golf Day June 5, 2018

Another Golf Day is in the books! Co-Chairs Sam Gaylord, Michael Paglione, and Ross Switkes did a terrific job organizing the event. Mercer County Bar Association members and guests enjoyed a gorgeous day on the gold course at our annual golf outing. Old York Country Club provided a beautiful backdrop for play and the meals were enjoyed by all. Winners for the days tournament, coming in at -8 par: Sam Gaylord, Emile Cox, Jim McManimon, and Chase Ettinger. Closest to the Pin winner: MCBA Vice President James Creegan at 7'11" and our Longest Drive winner: Mike "The Bomber" Fekete. Thank you to our Corporate Partners: Grand Bank, Guy J. Renzi & Associates, All State Investigations; and PNC Bank.

All our hole sponsors are also appreciated: Hill Wallack, LLP; Kalavruzos, Mumola, Hartman & Lento, LLC; Trenk, DiSpaquale, Della Fera & Sodono; Szaferman Lakind; Rue Insurance; DCS; Back Home Safely; Mercer County Sherriff Jack Kemler; Villa Maria; RedEye; All State Investigations; Blooming Grove Inn; Empire Title & Abstract Agency, LLC; Fox Rothschild, LLP; Stark & Stark; Gaylord Popp, LLC; Grand Bank; and Guy J. Renzi & Associates.



From left to right: Jack Kemler, Joe Bocchini, MCBA President Angelo Onofri, and Martin Masseroni.

Golf Day June 5, 2018



Members and guests enjoyed a perfect spring afternoon of golf at Old York Country Club.



Golf Day June 5, 2018



Golf Day June 5, 2018



Women Lawyer's Committee Rat's Ethics Event 6/14/18

The Women Lawyers Committee was delighted to host its annual ethics panel at Rat's Restaurant on June 14. Along with appetizers and wine, attendees received one ethics CLE credit and were treated to a spirited discussion on current ethical topics. The event was moderated by MCBA President Angelo Onofri, and the panel members included New Jersey State Senator Linda Greenstein, Judge Kay Walcott-Henderson of the Mercer County Civil Division, Judge Darlene Pereksta of the Mercer County Criminal Division, and Judge Christine Gravelle of the United States Bankruptcy Court. The event was sponsored by All State Investigations, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, and Guy J. Renzi & Associates.



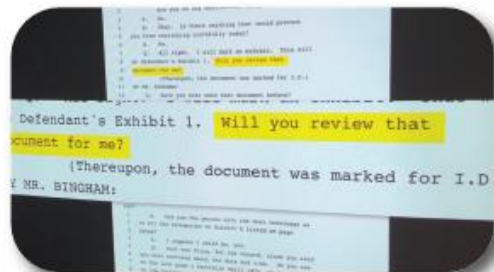
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Calendar of Events

July

Thursday, July 12th: Municipal Bench Bar Seminar, 3:30 pm @ Ewing Municipal Court

Saturday, July 14th: Young Lawyers Softball Tournament and Cookout, 11:30 am-4:30 pm @ Veterans Park

Tuesday, July 24th: HomeFront Summer Camp Summer Fun Event, 12-3:30 pm @ HomeFront, 295 Eggerts Crossing Road in Lawrenceville

August

Children's Event – Picnic with DJ, Ice Cream and Face Painting – date to be determined.

Wednesday, August 8th: Deliver lunch for Meals on Wheels, 10:30-noon.

September

Tuesday, September 4th: Lawyers Care 5:30-7:00 pm @ Mercer County Connection

Wednesday, September 19th: Law Clerks Luncheon: Details to follow

Wednesday, September 26th: Judges & Law Clerks Reception 5:30–8:30pm @ Mercer Oaks

Thursday, September 27th: Serve lunch, 10:30-1:00 pm @ TASK

October

Collect new and used coats

Senior's event – Halloween Party – date to be determined.

Thursday, October 11th: Xtreme CLE 2018 8:00 am-8:00 pm @ Mercer County Community College Conference Center

Thursday, October 11th: Lawyers Care 5:30-7:00pm @ Mercer County Connection.

October 18th: Professionalism Day. More information to follow.

Friday, October 26th: MCBA Halloween Parade and Party. Details to follow.

November

Collect new and used coats

Friday, November 2nd: November General Membership Meeting & Casino Night 5:30-8:30 pm @ The Stone Terrace.

Thursday, November 8th: Lawyers Care 5:30-7:00 pm @ Mercer County Connection.

Tuesday, November 13th: Deliver lunch for Meals on Wheels 10:30-noon.

Wednesday, November 28th: Family Meet and Greet 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm @

Mountainview Golf Course

December

Tuesday, December 11th: Serve lunch 10:30-1:00 pm @ TASK.

Tuesday, December 11th: Holiday Party 5:30-8:30 pm @ Cobblestone Creek
(formerly Green Acres Country Club)

Thursday, December 13th: Lawyers Care 5:30-7:00 pm @ Mercer County
Connection.

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and dates accordingly. **



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Trenton Thunder Night June 15, 2018



From left to right: Bucky's friend, Bucky LaFerrara, Carla Carbonara, Arthur Sypek, Judge Maria Sypek (Ret.), MCBA President Angelo Onofri, Eric Broadway. Seated: John Carbonara.

Stacey Geurds throwing out the first pitch.



Stacey's niece throwing out the second pitch.



Trenton Thunder Night June 15, 2018

On June 15, we held our MCBA Night at Arm & Hammer Park. Members and their friends & families enjoyed a delicious BBQ buffet while cheering on the “Trenton Porkrollers” as they battled the Erie Seawolves. Our own Stacey Geurds threw out the ceremonial first pitch!

A huge thank you to all who made this event possible, as well as all who came out to enjoy an American pastime on a perfect summer night!



MCBA Young Lawyers Co-chair Joe Paravecchia, Boomer, and Laura Sunyak.



Stacey Geurds, Boomer, and her nieces on the field.

Trenton Thunder Night June 15, 2018



Boomer & President-Elect Brian Duff showing off his KMH&L t-shirt.



Trenton Thunder Night June 15, 2018



Bucky LaFerrara,
Tanya Phillips,
Brian Duff, and
John Carbonara.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JUNE 18, 2018

MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE MOVES BACK TO SOUTH BROAD STREET

Renovations have finished being made to the Mercer County Courthouse Annex which was previously home to several offices including the Mercer County Clerk. The County Clerk's office will return to its permanent location at 209 South Broad Street starting July 27th and will reopen on July 31st. Safety concerns prompted the Mercer County Improvement Authority to make renovations to the courthouse annex with the approval of the County Freeholders. The Courthouse was built in 1909.

The Mercer County Clerk's office, which temporarily moved to 240 West State Street in January 2016, will be moving back to 209 South Broad Street on July 31st. Candidates filing school election petitions should still file School Election Petitions should file them at 240 West State Street on the 7th floor on Monday, July 30th by the 4pm deadline.

In the newly modernized Courthouse Annex, the Clerk's office will be providing services in similar fashion as it was conducted previously. The first floor is where you can record property, obtain a passport, register a small business, and be sworn in as a notary public. The second floor will be designated for Elections and County ID departments. The Mercer County Record Rooms, which is home to thousands of deeds, mortgages, and other essential records, will be on both the first and second floor of the annex. The passport office, however, will be separate from the other offices.

Mercer County Clerk, Paula Sollami Covello and her staff are committed to doing everything possible to make the transition as smooth as possible. "We will still provide the same fast and efficient services our constituents have grown accustomed to on West State Street," she said.

The public is encouraged to visit the renovated Courthouse Annex to obtain office services, including Vote-By-Mail ballots for the November general election.

Please feel free to reach out to my office at (609)-989-6465 or (609)-989-6353 with any questions or concerns and we will do our best to assist you in addressing these matters.

Lastly, please remember that our mailing address will remain at PO Box 8068, Trenton, NJ 08608.



The Mercer County Bar Association
Young Lawyers Committee (YLC)

SOFTBALL



Join the Young Lawyers Committee for a day of food, fun, and co-ed softball ...
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June 2018

Dear County Bar President and Members:

The New Jersey Judiciary has launched a website - the New Jersey Supreme Court Virtual Museum - that chronicles the state Supreme Court from the adoption of the current state constitution in 1947. The Virtual Museum was created and is maintained by the Supreme Court Historical Advisory Board, which Chief Justice Stuart Rabner formed to preserve the rich history of the state's highest court. The Virtual Museum, which can be viewed at <https://www.njcourts.gov/courts/supreme/vm/scvirtual.html>, includes speeches, correspondence, videos and photographs of the Court and key figures in its history. The site includes detailed biographical profiles of the first seven Chief Justices to serve under the 1947 New Jersey Constitution, biographies of deceased associate justices who have served since 1948, links to testimony before the New Jersey Constitutional Convention of 1947 Committee on the Judiciary - which drafted the judicial article of the current constitution - and the structure of the Judiciary before enactment of the 1947 Constitution.


New Jersey has had a Supreme Court since before it became a state in 1787. However, the Supreme Court did not become the state's highest appellate court until 1948. New Jersey's first constitution, in 1776, included a Court of Appeals, which was then the state's court of last resort. The state constitution of 1844 established the Court of Errors and Appeals as the state's highest court, deriving its name from its function of hearing appeals and correcting errors of lower courts. That court was abolished after voters approved the 1947 constitution establishing today's New Jersey Supreme Court, which held its first session in its courtroom in the Statehouse Annex in Trenton on September 15, 1948. Photographs of that courtroom and the adjoining conference room - both of which are now legislative hearing rooms - are featured on the Virtual Museum site.

In addition to maintaining the Virtual Museum, the Advisory Board's work includes short- and long-term projects; identifying, locating, and researching materials for the Court's collection; locating and collecting Court-related artifacts; identifying and placing markers or plaques on historically significant Court sites; commemorating significant historical anniversaries and publishing articles and books. The Advisory Board also recommends to the Supreme Court content and material for inclusion on the Virtual Museum website as well as the inclusion of notable cases and other legal events involving the New Jersey Judiciary.

The Supreme Court Historical Advisory Board is also working with the Rutgers Oral History Archives to conduct in-depth interviews of living former chief justices and associate justices. Chaired by retired Supreme Court Associate Justice James H. Coleman Jr., the Advisory Board is comprised of sitting and retired justices and judges as well as law school professors, deans, attorneys and others.

To donate photographs, documents, artifacts and memorabilia related to the New Jersey Supreme Court and the New Jersey Judiciary for inclusion in the Virtual Museum, contact Mike Mathis in the Judiciary's Office of Communications and Community Relations at 609-815-2900 ext. 52352 or at Mike.Mathis@njcourts.gov. Thank you.

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Safety Deposit Box Search	Determine if there is a safety deposit box on file
Employment Search	<p>Determine current employment</p> <p><i>-you provide name, date of birth, social security number, we provide current employment</i></p>
Employment History	<p><i>-you supply name, address, and social security number, we return past employers for last three years with income</i></p>
Criminal Search	<p><i>You provide the name, address, date of birth and social security number, we provide criminal history.</i></p> <p><i>*Only convictions</i></p>
Profile-Background Check	<p><i>General back ground information to include actual age, current address, previous addresses, property owned, relative summary, judgments, liens, associates and more</i></p>
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Utility Search	Determine who's name current utilities are in at an address and date opened
Mail Forwarding Search	<i>You supply name and last known address, we return mail forwarding address</i>
Post Office Box	<i>-you supply PO Box number, we supply the name and address on file</i>
Address Search	Confirm address/obtain new address <i>-you provide name, last known address, date of birth, we return current address</i>
Cell Acquisition	Locate current cell phone number <i>-you provide name, date of birth, social security number, we provide current cell phone number and carrier</i>
Archived CNA	Confirm who owned a phone number in the past <i>-you provide the number, month and year, we provide the owner at that time</i>
Cell CNA	Determine the owner of a cell phone number <i>-you provide the cell phone number, we return the registered name and address on account</i>
International CNA	Determine the owner of a phone number, land line or cell
DMV Search	Obtain registered owner <i>-you provide license plate, we provide registered name and address. *Not all states are available</i>

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A complete listing of new telephone numbers can be found at <https://www.njcourts.gov/courts/vicinages/mercerc.html>.

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1. Mandatory electronic filing via eCourts went into effect in the Mercer Vicinage Civil Part in July of 2017. As of April of 2018, the division has received 36,537 Civil Part documents filed electronically. The system is currently available to attorneys.
 - a. Self-represented litigants are not in eCourts. We receive requests to provide documents for parties not represented by counsel.
 - b. Please pay attention to the notifications provided by eCourts, as attorneys are responsible for serving all parties with documents in accordance with court rules.
2. Court staff is not authorized to alter or remove filed documents. It is the filer's responsibility to review submissions carefully prior to filing to avoid the unintended filing of documents.
 - a. Filers are responsible for redacting confidential identifiers from all submissions and for identifying documents that need to be filed on paper because of confidential or sealed information.
 - b. A court order is required to remove documents from the case jacket.
 - c. It is not possible to delete or redact portions of the documents. The attorney must submit the complete document to substitute a document with confidential identifiers field in eCourts.
3. Court staff is not authorized to return court fees based on erroneous or unintended filings. This includes papers filed in the wrong docket number, venue, or court, and duplicate filings.
 - a. If you have any questions about a filing, please call the case management office.
 - b. If you are having technical difficulties with the application, please call the eCourts Help Desk: 609.633.2275 or 800.343.7002
4. Attorneys must verify their contact information and make sure that the correct ID is linked to the charge account.

ECOURTS REMINDERS

HELPFUL TIPS

- Be sure to proofread documents prior to submission to the court.
- Be sure to select the correct documents to be filed.
- Be sure to select the correct party designation. If you are setting up a fictitious party, you **MUST** designate the party as fictitious. If you designate the fictitious part as a company or individual, R.1:13-7 dismissal notices will be generated. Staff is not able to change the designation.
- Be sure to read notifications on the screen while submitting documents.
- Do not upload documents to be sealed or documents to be filed in sealed cases. These should be filed in the case management office as paper filings. A court order is required to remove documents from public view in eCourts.
- If you are filing in paper, be sure to include a cover letter explaining why the submission is a paper filing.
- Be sure to review the notification as to which parties are receiving notice of your submissions via eCourts. Self-represented litigants do not receive notifications via eCourts. Parties are responsible for serving documents on all parties in the case.
- Courtesy copies of all motion related documents are required. Please be sure to indicate that the papers submitted are courtesy copies.
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