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*Hello Members,*

*Please allow this email to provide a brief update on the current functioning of the Civil Division of the Superior Court, Law Division, Mercer Vicinage. Our committee has been in contact with the Honorable Douglas H. Hurd, P.J.Cv. who has informed us that the civil judges are continuing to work as efficiently and diligently as possible given the circumstances. While all in-person appearances remain suspended, currently all the civil judges are available. The judges are handling motions, hearing oral arguments, and conducting case management conferences via teleconference. Additionally, if requested by the parties, the Court is happy to entertain telephonic settlement conferences in an effort to keep cases moving. In short, aside from conducting in-person appearances, the civil bench remains available to deal with daily demands of litigated cases.*

*The eCourts system is operating and you may file any necessary documents. You may also send correspondence on specific cases through eCourts. Court staff is able to process these documents from home. The courts' telephones have been forwarded to Court staff as well and they should be able to address whatever issues you may have. And civil arbitrations scheduled through April 10 have been adjourned.*

*Be well,*

*Civil Bench Bar Committee*

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