NOTICE TO THE BAR

<u>COURT FILING FEES – CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF COURT</u> <u>TO REFLECT (1) INCREASE IN FORECLOSURE COMPLAINT FEE; AND (2)</u> <u>ELIMINATION OF THE FILING FEE FOR EXPUNGEMENT PETITIONS</u>

The Supreme Court has adopted amendments to the Rules of Court to conform to legislation regarding foreclosure filing fees and expungement filing fees. Two Orders dated December 8, 2020 are attached, as follows:

- The first Order amends Rule 1:43 ("Filing and Other Fees Established Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:1-7") (a) to increase the filing fee for a foreclosure complaint from \$250.00 to \$405.00 to conform to N.J.S.A. 2A:50-80; the Judiciary implemented that fee change effective November 1, 2019; and (b) to eliminate the filing fee for expungement applications to conform to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-29; the Judiciary implemented that fee elimination as of December 18, 2019.
- The second attached Order deletes Rule 3:30 ("Fees for Expungement of Records") to conform as well to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-29.

The amendments thus conform the rules to these two legislative enactments and to present Judiciary practice.

Questions about this notice may be directed to Superior Court Clerk Michelle Smith at <u>michelle.smith@njcourts.gov</u> or (609) 421-6100.

Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D. Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: December 9, 2020

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:43 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court, 0.00

Chief Justice

Dated: December 8, 2020

1:43. Filing and Other Fees Established Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:1-7

The following filing fees and other fees payable to the court, revised and supplemented by the Supreme Court in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:1-7, are established effective November 17, 2014. All other filing fees or other fees not here listed are unchanged by the process set forth in N.J.S.A. 2B:1-7.

<u>All State Courts</u> ... no change

Supreme Court ... no change

Superior Court, Appellate Division ... no change

Superior Court, Law Division, Civil Part ... no change

Superior Court, Law Division, Special Civil Part ... no change

Superior Court, Law Division, Chancery Part, General Equity

Fee Subject	Fee	Authority
Filing Complaint	\$250.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13
Filing Answer	\$175.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13
Order to Show Cause (General Equity and Foreclosure)	\$50.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13
Filing Motion	\$50.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13
Foreclosure Complaint	[\$250.00] <u>\$405.00</u>	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 [and -13] <u>, 2B:1-7,</u> <u>2A:50-80</u>

Foreclosure Answer	\$175.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13
Foreclosure Motion	\$50.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13
Foreclosure Writs	\$50.00	
Foreclosure Assignments	\$35.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-12 and -13

Superior Court, Law Division, Chancery Part Family ... no change

Superior Court, Law Division, Criminal Part

	Fee Subject	Fee	Authority	
	[Expungement Application]	[\$75.00]	[N.J.S.A. 2C:52 -29, 22A:2-25]	
	Permit to Carry Handgun	\$50.00	N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4	
	Municipal Court Appeal	\$100.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-27	
	Appeal of denial of permit to purchase handgun or firearms purchaser ID card	\$50.00		
	Bail/Post/Discharge	\$50.00	N.J.S.A. 22A:2-29	
Superior Court, Probation Division no change				

Superior Court Clerk's Office ... no change

Tax Court ... no change

Note: Adopted October 31, 2014 to be effective November 17, 2014; amended March 7, 2017 to be effective immediately; Special Civil Part section amended July 27, 2018 to be effective September 1, 2018; <u>General Equity section and</u> <u>Criminal section amended December 8, 2020 to be effective immediately</u>.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 3:30 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,

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Chief Justice

Dated: December 8, 2020

[Rule 3:30 Fees for Expungement of Records

Any person who files an application for an expungement of records, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-1 to - 32, shall pay filing fees as established in R. 1:43, except as otherwise provided by statute.]

Note: <u>Rule 3:30 ("Fees for Expungement of Records") adopted</u> [Adopted] July 16, 2009 to be effective September 1, 2009; amended July 29, 2019 to be effective September 1, 2019; rule deleted December 8, 2020 to be effective immediately.