

William T. Walsh Clerk of Court

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC May 1, 2020

APPLICANTS FOR ATTORNEY ADMISSION

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey announces a temporary change to the process for Attorney Admission to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control has advised taking precautions in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and has noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to this virus. Therefore, effective immediately and until further notice, the requirement that the Oath of Admission be administered by a judge, attorney or notary is hereby relaxed. Applicants unable to have the Oath administered by an authorized person may instead submit an Affirmation, thereby affirming, under penalty of perjury, that the contents of the Application are true and correct, and acknowledging the responsibilities contained within the Oath.

The Affirmation and Instructions can be found at: For Attorneys > Attorney Admission page on the Court's website at <u>www.njd.uscourts.gov</u>.

This temporary relaxation of the Oath administration requirement will remain in effect until such time as it is determined to be safe and appropriate to dissolve it.