

NOTICE TO THE BAR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: Amendment of Local Civil Rules : **ORDER**

The Court being vested with authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 & Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to make and amend local rules; proposed amendments to Local Civil Rules having been submitted to the Lawyers Advisory Committee and the public for comment; comments having been received and considered, and the proposed amendments having been approved by the Board of Judges;

It is on this 31ST day of January, 2008

ORDERED that Local Civil Rule 301.1 and Appendix Q are amended to read:

301.1

(c) Compensation of Mediators

Each mediator designated to serve by the Chief Judge under L.Civ. R. 301.1 (a) shall be compensated \$300 an hour for service in each civil action referred to mediation, which compensation shall be borne equally by the parties; notwithstanding this provision, the first three hours of service shall be without compensation. Where all parties select as a mediator a person not designated as a panel mediator under L. Civ. R. 301.1 (a), the parties and the mediator may, by written agreement, fix the amount and terms of the mediator's compensation.

Appendix Q

IV. Compensation of Mediators

A. A mediator who is selected by the court or by the parties from the panel of mediators designated by the Chief Judge shall be compensated at the rate of \$300 an hour except for the first three hours of his or her time, which shall not be compensated. The time incurred by a mediator in reviewing the submissions of the parties shall be included in the calculation of his or her time. The compensation, which shall be paid equally by the parties, may not be varied by the consent of the parties.

It is FURTHER ORDERED these amendments are effective this date.

FOR THE COURT:

GARRETT E. BROWN, JR.
Chief Judge