

**NOTICE TO THE BAR**  
**VIRTUAL GRAND JURY PILOT PROGRAM –**  
**CONSENT NOT REQUIRED TO PROCEED**

The Supreme Court by [Notice and Order dated May 14, 2020](#) authorized a pilot program for virtual (video) grand jury sessions, starting in Bergen and Mercer Counties. Grand jurors in the pilot program are administered a supplement to the standard grand jury charge and required to swear or affirm a supplement to the secrecy oath regarding participation in virtual (video) grand jury proceedings. In furtherance of exploring this virtual option for grand juries to convene during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the Supreme Court has modified the parameters of the pilot program so as to eliminate the requirement that cases can only be presented to a grand jury convening remotely if the defendant has consented to proceeding remotely. The Court's June 4, 2020 Order is attached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D." with "SDB" written below the name.

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

Dated: June 8, 2020