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Hon. Michael J. Blee
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
ATTN: Rules Comments
Hughes Justice Complex
25 W. Market Street/P.O. Box 037
Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

Re: Comments on 2026 Rules Reports

Dear Judge Blee:

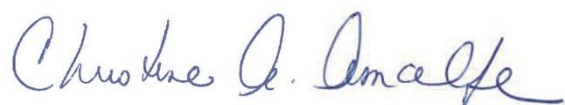
Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the 2026 Rules Reports. I am pleased to submit recommendations and comments from the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) in connection with the Report of the Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee. The NJSBA does not have any comments to share on the Report of the Tax Court Committee.

The sole comment on the Civil Practice Committee Report centers on the proposed amendments to Rule 1:6-2(d), which would allow oral argument in motions for reconsideration at the judge's discretion instead of as of right. NJSBA members believe oral argument is critically important in motions for reconsideration, especially when the motion is dispositive. It represents the last step before appeal and provides the final opportunity to present information about an issue a judge may have overlooked or about which there may have been some confusion or misunderstanding. Our members recognize that, at times, oral argument on a reconsideration motion may just reiterate points previously made, but when weighed against the potential finality of the decision, our members believe the opportunity to present oral argument one last time should not be denied to a party. For those reasons, the NJSBA recommends that the proposed amendment to Rule 1:6-2(d) not be adopted.

Again, the New Jersey State Bar Association thanks the Supreme Court for publishing these reports and allowing the bar to submit comments and recommendations. We commend the members of the Court committees for their efforts in contributing to the improvement of the administration of justice and hope that our comments represent a meaningful contribution to their debate.

Our leadership also look forward to addressing the Court at the public hearing. The opportunity to participate in all aspects of the rule-making process, which has a significant impact on the practice of law in New Jersey, is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine A. Amalfe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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