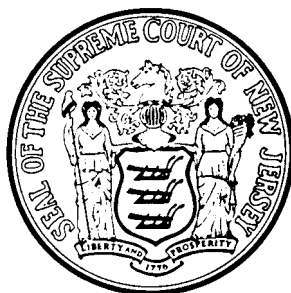


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By the Court,
JOSEPH WEINTRAUB
Chief Justice

Dated: February 25, 1969

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EDWARD B. McCONNELL
Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: February 25, 1969

FOREWORD

Article VI, Section II, paragraph 3 of the New Jersey Constitution of 1947 charges the Supreme Court with the responsibility for making rules governing the practice and procedure in and the administration of all of the courts in the State. In the exercise of this obligation comprehensive rules were promulgated effective September 15, 1948 coincidental with the effective date of the Judicial Article of the Constitution.

To aid it in the rule-making process, the Supreme Court has appointed committees to study and make recommendations, and has solicited the assistance of the bench and bar generally. It has also provided for an annual Judicial Conference, representative not only of the legal profession but also of the legislative and executive branches of the government and of the lay public, to consider suggested improvements in the practice, procedure and administration of the courts. From time to time amendments to the rules have been promulgated as the need appeared; in 1953 a general revision of the rules was adopted; and subsequent thereto additional changes in the rules have been made whenever it appeared that an improvement could be effected.

Eight years ago, on the recommendation of its committee on rules, the Supreme Court initiated a program for the critical and comprehensive review and reappraisal of all of the rules of court. To carry out this program ten committees appointed by the Supreme Court were assigned responsibility for various parts of the rules. Each committee, within the area of its assignment, undertook a thorough analysis of the existing rules and the effectiveness of their operation, examined the rules and statutes governing the courts of other states and the federal courts, and solicited suggestions for improvement from the entire bench and bar of the State. Reports of these committees were published and debated at several Judicial Conferences. A coordinating committee combined the several reports into a proposed revision of the rules which was published in the fall of 1966. Ten thousand copies were distributed to every attorney and judge in the State with the specific request that, individually and through their bar associations, they give it careful study and submit their critical comments and suggestions for its improvement. The proposed revision was subsequently discussed at a Judicial Conference and was then redrafted by the coordinating committee.

This 1969 revision thus represents the end product of literally years of work by dozens of court and bar association committees and hundreds of individual lawyers, judges and law school professors. The Supreme Court is indebted to those who have devoted so much of their time and energy to this project, without whose expertise and effort it could not have been brought to fruition.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
JOSEPH WEINTRAUB, C.J.

Dated: February 25, 1969