NOTICE TO THE BAR

ATTORNEY WELL-BEING -- REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS WITH LAW PROFESSIONALS TO START ON APRIL 16, 2024

The Supreme Court Committee on Wellness in the Law will conduct a series of listening sessions with attorneys and other law professionals to solicit information about barriers to wellness within the legal community, as well as recommendations to remedy such challenges. The first listening session will be conducted in person from 12n to 2pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the Cherry Hill Training Center. Registration information, along with dates and locations for future listening sessions, follows below.

<u>Initial Schedule of In-Person and Virtual Listening Sessions</u>

As a start, the Committee on Wellness in the Law is scheduling three regional listening sessions, which will be conducted in person. To maximize privacy, comfort, and open discussion among in-person attendees, these sessions will not be available virtually and will not be recorded by video. Law professionals, including attorneys, paralegals, law students, and recent graduates, are welcome to attend any or all sessions. To the extent practicable, attendees are encouraged to participate in the listening session in the geographic area where they primarily practice, so that any local challenges can be addressed in detail.

- Tuesday, April 16, 2024: Southern Region (Camden County)
 - O Supported by the Camden Vicinage and the Camden County Bar Association, this session will be conducted from 12n 2pm at the Cherry Hill Training Center located at 6 Executive Campus, 4th Floor Training Room, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 (GPS address: 1112 South Union Avenue, Cherry Hill). Light food and drinks will be available.
 - Advance registration is required. Registration information is available here.
- Friday, April 26, 2024: Northern Region (Essex County)
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Central Region (Mercer County)
- Friday, May 3, 2024: Virtual Listening Session (Statewide)

Registration information for the Northern and Central Regional sessions, as well as for the virtual session, will be provided in a future notice.

These listening sessions are specifically intended for current and future legal practitioners. New Jersey state and municipal court judges will be invited to participate in a separate listening session on well-being issues.

Preliminary Information

Committee members, including public and private attorneys and Judiciary staff, will facilitate the listening sessions. Moderators will pose questions and compile written notes of comments, which will inform the Committee's ongoing work. In addition, a mental health professional also will be available, in person, to assist with any time-sensitive inquiries, including referrals to mental health resources.

Individuals planning to attend a listening session are encouraged to come prepared to share specific barriers to well-being that they have experienced or observed, as well as any suggestions to address those or other relevant issues. Additional discussion questions will be sent to confirmed attendees.

In addition, registered participants also may provide written comments to the Committee facilitators or by email to Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov. The names of commenters will not be shared, and written comments will not be subject to public disclosure.

Questions; Accommodations

Please contact Special Assistant to the Administrative Director Jessica Lewis Kelly at <u>Jessica.LewisKelly@njcourts.gov</u> with any questions about the Committee's upcoming listening sessions. Requests for accommodations or interpreting services may be submitted through the registration process.

Additional information about the Supreme Court Committee on Wellness in the Law is available on the Judiciary's website <u>njcourts.gov</u>.

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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

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