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TO: All Law Division Judges
FROM: Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge
DATE: June 21, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.C.E.', written over the printed name of Timothy C. Evans.

The Judicial Inquiry Board brought to my attention today that you may have received an invitation to a golf outing that will be hosted by two local, private law firms tomorrow, June 22, 2010. The letter from the JIB and a redacted copy of the invitation are enclosed.

The invitation contains an apparently lighthearted reference to Judge William D. Maddux. I have spoken to Judge Maddux who has assured me that he disavows any language on the invitation that implies that he ordered anyone to do anything. He indicated that under no circumstances did he want any judge in the Law Division to feel forced to attend.

I think it is important for all of us to respond to such offers, well-intentioned as they may be, pursuant to the Code of Judicial Conduct, and to be especially mindful of the following provisions:

Rule 61. Canon 1. A Judge Should Uphold the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary.

An independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to justice in our society. A judge should participate in establishing, maintaining, and enforcing, and should personally observe, high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary may be preserved. The provisions of this Code should be construed and applied to further that objective.

III. Sup. Ct., R 61.

Rule 62. Canon 2. A Judge Should Avoid Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety in All of the Judge's Activities.