

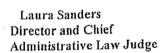
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Dear Sirs:

As you know, the Office of Administrative Law conducts an early settlement conference in most cases transmitted by the Department of Personnel. While this program is generally very successful in resolving matters at an early stage in the proceedings, it has come to my attention that cases involving Hudson County do not settle, apparently based upon Hudson County's policy regarding disciplinary cases.

Therefore, in order to conserve the limited resources of this office and of both parties, as of June 1, 2008 the Office of Administrative Law will no longer schedule a settlement conference in these matters. In the future, the matter will go directly to hearing. The hearing process will not be changed in any way, and the Office of Administrative Law will continue to schedule prehearing or other conferences in these matters as appropriate.

Very truly yours,

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Director & Chief Administrative Law Judge

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