

## THE DEMISE OF THE ENTIRE CONTROVERSY DOCTRINE

### INTRODUCTION

New Jersey's current constitution was born in 1947. This birth also brought about the conception of a unique procedural entity, known as the "Entire Controversy Doctrine." At its zenith, the entire controversy doctrine encompassed both compulsory joinder of claims and parties. However, recent amendments to New Jersey's civil practice rules have virtually abolished the compulsory party joinder component.

The following three articles are varying perspectives on the demise of the entire controversy doctrine. Although each author strongly supports the recent changes to New Jersey's procedural rules, each author shares a particular viewpoint: academic, practical and judicial. We hope that these essays provide everyone, academics and practitioners alike, with a final thought regarding the entire controversy doctrine.