

THE NJSBA DOCKET



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Hello friends,

Welcome to the latest issue of *The NJSBA Docket*, a bi-monthly bulletin with news from the legal community and Association highlights.

Be sure to check out the [calendar](#) for our lineup of educational offerings and networking opportunities. Here's a primer of what we have in store for the coming weeks, as well as the latest court notices from the Judiciary:



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Supreme Court and Appellate Decisions

- [State v. Thomas Zingis](#)—The Court established a procedure for defendants to challenge their Dennis-affected DWI conviction when facing enhanced sentencing based on a subsequent DWI.
- [Board of Education of the Township of Sparta v. M.N.](#)—Students who receive a GED diploma are entitled to re-enroll and receive a free appropriate public education.
- [In the Matter of Proposed Construction of Compressor Station](#)—Regarding exemptions in the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act.
- [Madeline Keyworth v. CareOne at Madison Avenue; Suzanne Bender v. Harmony Village at CareOne Paramus](#)—Whether internal reports and documents created after alleged events at the defendant nursing and assisted living facilities are discoverable or privileged under the New Jersey Patient Safety Act.
- [Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission v. George Harms Construction Co., Inc.](#)—Whether the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission may require potential bidders to use project labor agreements as part of its public bidding process.
- [State of New Jersey vs. Christopher Barclay](#)—An appeal with a novel statutory construction question under the New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act.
- [State of New Jersey vs. Arthur F. Wildgoose](#)—A case of first impression under the Jessica Lunsford Act, involving a 25-year sentence for aggravated sexual assault of a child under the age of 13.
- [In the Matter of Registrant M.L.](#)—Whether the state may move to expand the scope of notification under Megan's Law based on an increased risk of harm to the community not otherwise accounted for in the Registrant Risk Assessment Scale.
- [In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C.](#)—Regarding denial of access complaints under OPRA.
- [Narendra Lakhani vs. Anil Patel](#)—A case of first impression on whether a court-appointed special adjudicator's fees to resolve discovery disputes can be charged to an individual or entity who were not parties to the underlying litigation but petitioned the court to quash a subpoena.
- [T.B. vs. J.W.](#)—Restraining order appeal under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act.

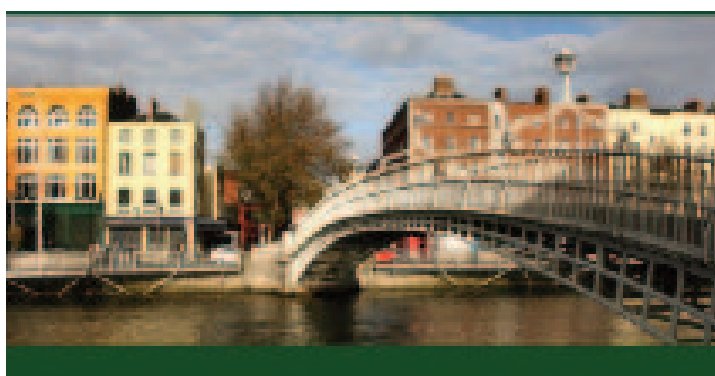
News and Notices from the Courts

- Starting in January 2025, the [annual interest rate](#) will be 5.5% for judgments not exceeding the monetary limit of the Special Civil Part. The rate will be 7.5% for judgments that exceed the monetary limit.
- The Office of Attorney Ethics is [seeking applicants](#) for secretary of the District Fee Arbitration Committee in District I, which covers Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties.
- The New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection released the [list of attorneys reinstated](#) from the 2024 ineligible list.
- The Supreme Court published the [demographic information](#) of attorneys who practice in New Jersey.



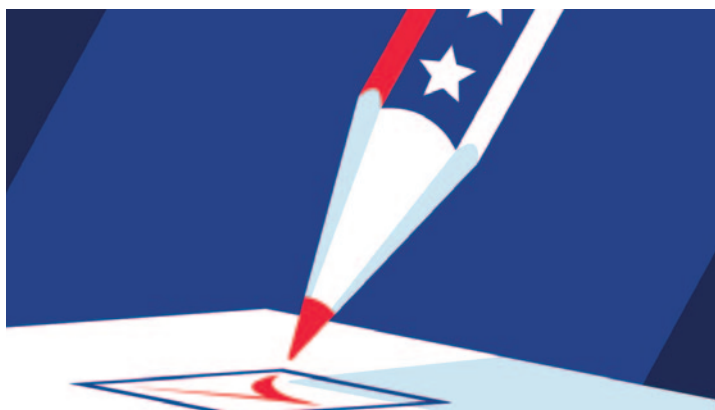
Get Your Medal of Honor Tickets Today

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation is proud to bestow the 2024 Medal of Honor, the Foundation's most prestigious award, to retired Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso, Jr. and former NJSBA president Karol Corbin Walker. Reserve a spot at Foundation's [Medal of Honor Awards Celebration on Sept. 24](#) to recognize these remarkable individuals and their contributions to the New Jersey legal community. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.



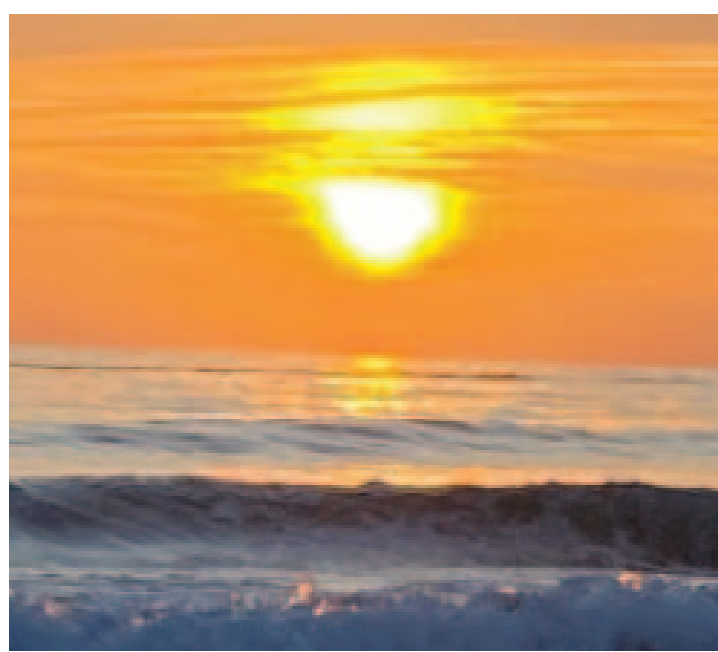
NJSBA Mid-Year Meeting Dublin Hotel and Tour Deadlines Coming Soon

Don't delay—the deadline to reserve your hotel room and receive a discounted rate for the [NJSBA's 2024 Mid-Year Meeting in Dublin](#) is Sept. 3. Spots are also filling up for NJSBA signature events and tours to explore Ireland. Don't miss this amazing educational, social and cultural experience.



Become an Informed Voter with the NJSBF

With the November elections fast approaching, join the New Jersey State Bar Foundation on Sept. 17 for a [free webinar](#) that will provide a non-partisan overview about the voting process and how to gather information on candidates from trustworthy sources. The virtual program is open to anyone and everyone. For those who can't attend, check out the Foundation's voter information guide [here](#).



Network with the Young Lawyers Division and Board of Trustees at Sunset Soirée Kickoff

Join the Young Lawyers Division on Sept. 23 for an evening of elegance and opportunity as it [kicks off the year with a Sunset Soirée](#). This premier networking event offers YLD members the unique chance to connect with members of the NJSBA's Board of Trustees against the stunning backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean. Don't miss out on meaningful conversations while enjoying a delightful array of gourmet bites in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere.

Whether you are a law student just starting out, a mid-career professional looking to reinvigorate your practice, or an experienced practitioner, the NJSBA has something for you. Join a powerful network of 16,000 legal professionals today. [Learn more here.](#)