

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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News and Notices from the Courts

- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is hosting an [essay contest](#) for fifth and sixth-grade classes focused on civics, citizenship and the concept of "We the People." View the [guidelines](#) for the contest.
- The Judiciary announced [Thomas F. Shebell, III](#) as the secretary for the District IX Fee Arbitration Committee covering Monmouth County.
- The state Supreme Court requests [public comment](#) on proposed amendments to Rule 5:22-2(a) that are intended to expedite motions to waive family jurisdiction in juvenile delinquency cases. Comments are due by Jan. 13, 2025.
- The Court adopted [amendments](#) to Rules 1:18B-1 and 1:18B-3 regarding the submission, retention and disclosure of annual judicial financial reporting statements.
- The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey [announced](#) the names of New Jersey attorneys who are removed from the 2024 Ineligible List.
- The Board on Continuing Legal Education announced the attorneys reinstated from the [2024 CLE Ineligible List](#) and [In-House Counsel CLE Ineligible List](#), along with the names deleted from the [2024 CLE Ineligible List](#) due to error.
- The Judiciary revised page four of the [Civil Case Information Statement](#) regarding affordable housing and Bard Implanted Port Catheter Products.

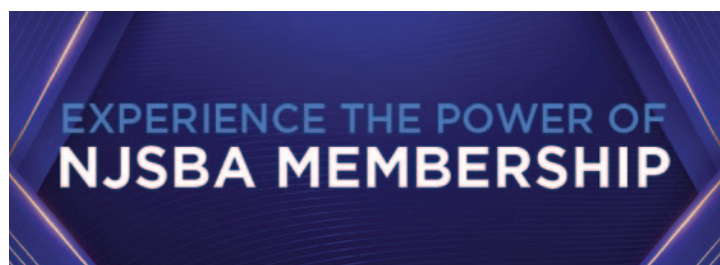
Supreme Court and Appellate Decisions

- [Dionicio Rodriguez v. Shelbourne Spring, LLC \(Union County and Statewide\)](#)—The Court ruled that Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company had no duty to defend an electrical contractor from an employee's negligence lawsuit.
- [IMO A.D., an Alleged Incapacitated Person \(Sussex County and Statewide\)](#)—The Court found that a court-appointed attorney and temporary guardian for an alleged incapacitated person were not entitled to legal fees against an adult protective services provider.
- [Thurman Hogan vs. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. \(Cumberland County and Statewide\)](#)—A case concerning the interpretation of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act or "Lemon Law."



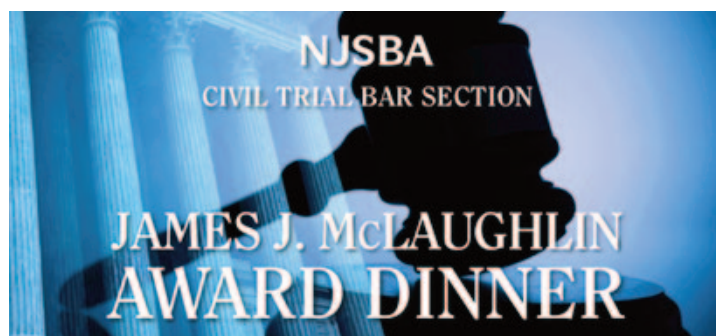
The Dec. 31 MCLE Deadline is Less Than Two Weeks Away

Don't delay! The New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education's [award-winning seminars](#) can help you meet the mandatory CLE requirement deadline with live seminars scheduled through the end of the year, as well as webcasts, webinars and on-demand programs.



Unlock the Value of Your NJSBA Membership

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2025 McLaughlin Awards to Recognize Excellence in Civil Law Practice

Register for the [2025 James J. McLaughlin Awards](#) on Feb. 11, an annual tribute to the highest standard of civility, legal competence and professionalism in the practice of civil law. This year's awards will honor retired state Supreme Court Justice Faustino J. Fernandez-Vina, Michael G. Donahue, managing shareholder of Stark & Stark, and include a posthumous recognition of Monmouth County Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton.



Become a More Self-Confident Litigator with the NJSBA

Ring in the new year with the NJSBA's Women in the Profession Section on Jan. 14 as it presents a [special CLE seminar](#) with some of the state's leading female attorneys on overcoming a lack of confidence. A holiday networking reception will follow the program.



NJSBA Minorities in the Profession Section Accepting Entries for Annual Black History Month Essay Contest

The Minorities in the Profession Section's annual [Black History Month contest](#) is open for New Jersey high school students. Essay finalists and runners-up have the opportunity to win cash prizes and take part in the 2025 Black History Month Celebration in February. The deadline for [submissions](#) is Jan. 22.

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