

# 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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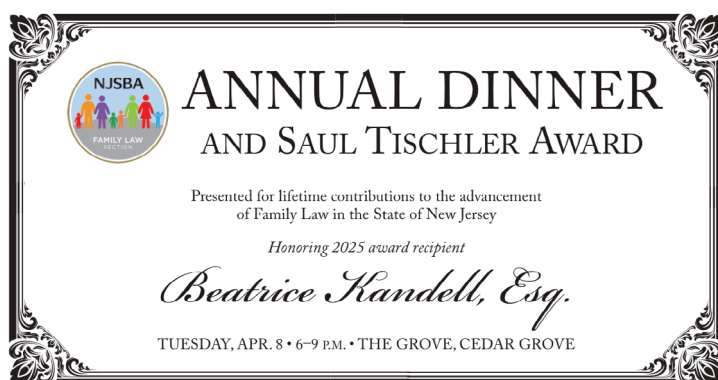
## News and Notices from the Courts

- The Judiciary issued [revised instructions](#) on the procedures for entering default and uncontested judgments without personal appearances in certain divorce/dissolution (FM) proceedings.
- The NJSBA, in conjunction with the Judiciary, will offer a [training course](#) on April 16 for individuals wishing to serve as arbitrators in the court-annexed civil arbitration program.
- The Supreme Court is accepting [comments](#) on an application for multicounty litigation involving allegations of sexual abuse in state juvenile detention facilities. Comments are due by April 20.
- The Judiciary announced certain [exceptions](#) to livestreaming arguments in non-public cases before the Appellate Division.



## Supreme Court and Appellate Decisions

- [Rosalyn Musker v. Suuchi, Inc. \(Bergen County & Statewide\)](#)—The Supreme Court considered whether commissions are considered wages under the Wage Payment Law and are subject to the law's protections.
- [State of New Jersey vs. Ahjhir K. Jones \(Morris County and Statewide\)](#)—The appellate panel held that the recovery court candidate is legally eligible to enter the program after he resolved a firearms charge before seeking admission.
- [State of New Jersey vs. Thomas P. Canales \(Middlesex County and Statewide\)](#)—On appeal, the appellate panel concluded the trial judge mistakenly exercised discretion in dismissing the indictment.



## Distinguished Family Law Attorney Tapped for 2025 Tischler Award

The NJSBA's Family Law Section will present its annual Saul Tischler Award on April 8 to Beatrice Kandell, a family law attorney who has made significant lifelong contributions to advancing the practice and profession. Register for the award reception [today](#).



## The NJICLE Federal Practice Bench-Bar Symposium is April 10

The annual 2025 Federal Practice Bench-Bar Symposium returns on April 10 for a [special event](#) on the interplay between federal and state court procedure. Don't miss the unique chance to join U.S. District Court Chief Judge Renée Marie Bumb, along with 28 federal judges and several esteemed practitioners, for illuminating panels on the essentials of federal civil and criminal practice, with a networking reception to follow.



## NJSBA to Celebrate Diverse Judges on April 30

Join the NJSBA for this [annual celebration](#) of the state's diverse bench. The celebration will honor U.S. District Judge Evelyn Padin and Essex County Assignment Judge Sheila A. Venable with the Justice Thurgood Marshall Award for advancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.



## NJSBA Young Lawyers in Their Own Words

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