



Essentials of Municipal Court Practice in New Jersey

Tuesday, December 15, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

**Center for Law and Justice | Room 125
Rutgers Law School, 123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ
and ZOOM**

This program covers the essentials of municipal court practice in New Jersey. Although municipal courts are considered courts of limited jurisdiction, having responsibility for motor vehicle and parking tickets, minor criminal-type offenses, municipal ordinance offenses, and other offenses that occur within the boundaries of its municipality, many serious criminal cases, such as robbery, auto theft, or assault, start out as complaints filed in municipal courts. Attorneys will learn about municipal court operations and procedures, common cases, and how to prepare for appearances and trials in municipal court.

Topics include:

- Overview and Jurisdiction
- Common Types of Offenses
- Pre-trial Procedure
- Plea Bargaining
- Discovery
- Trials
- Sentencing
- Appeals

See page 2 for the agenda; see page 3 for CLE details. This program can be used toward the New Jersey newly admitted attorney requirement.

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AGENDA

5:00:00 PM	Overview of Municipal Court Operations
5:15:00 PM	Jurisdiction
	Traffic & Motor Vehicle Offenses
	Petty Disorderly Persons Offenses
	Rules of Court, Complaints, Summonses
5:45:00 PM	Pre-trial Procedure
6:10:00 PM	Plea Bargaining
6:30:00 PM	Discovery and Trial Preparation
6:50:00 PM	Break
7:00:00 PM	Trials
7:45:00 PM	Sentencing, New Trials, Post-conviction Relief
8:15:00 PM	Appeals, Conditional Discharge or Dismissal
8:30:00 PM	End

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