



# WELCOME TO THE NEW JERSEY COURTS

WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU IF WE CAN. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALLOWED TO HELP YOU ONLY IN CERTAIN WAYS, SINCE WE WANT TO BE FAIR TO EVERYONE IN A CASE.

**THIS IS A LIST OF SOME THINGS THE COURT STAFF CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR YOU. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE ASKING THE COURT STAFF FOR HELP.**

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**WE CAN** explain and answer questions about how the court works.

**WE CAN** tell you what the requirements are to have your case considered by the court.

**WE CAN** give you some information from your case file.

**WE CAN** provide you with samples of court forms that are available.

**WE CAN** provide you with guidance on how to fill out forms.

**WE CAN** usually answer questions about court deadlines.



**WE CANNOT** give you legal advice. Only your lawyer can give you legal advice.

**WE CANNOT** tell you whether or not you should bring your case to court.

**WE CANNOT** give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.

**WE CANNOT** recommend a lawyer, but we can provide you with the telephone number of a local lawyer referral service.

**WE CANNOT** talk to the judge for you about what will happen in your case.

**WE CANNOT** let you talk to the judge outside of court.

**WE CANNOT** change an order issued by a judge.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE GUIDELINES.**

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are an independent branch of government constitutionally entrusted with the fair and just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect the rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and this State.

Stuart Rabner  
*Chief Justice*

**New Jersey Courts**  
Independence • Integrity • Fairness • Quality Service

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