

MEMBERSHIP CALL TO ACTION
REGARDING JUDICIAL VACANCY CRISIS.

Three years ago this day, January 20, 2010 was the last judicial swearing-in in Essex County. At present, there are over 15 unfilled Superior Court judicial seats currently in Essex County. This constitutes approximately 25% of the total number of the statutorily provided for judicial seats in Essex County. Due to anticipated retirements and the current political stalemate in Trenton, the number of vacancies is expected to continue grow in 2013. Notwithstanding the reduced judicial workforce, the sitting judiciary in Essex is diligently working to provide timely justice to each and every litigant, but the situation is becoming dire. It is clear that our local judiciary will not be able to continue to operate efficiently and effectively under these existing conditions and that the residents and businesses of Essex County and New Jersey will suffer as a result.

The Officers and Trustees of the Essex County Bar Association believe that our membership must step up and make its voices heard in Trenton. Accordingly, we are requesting you to take ten minutes to make a few phone calls and/or to send out a few e-mails to voice your concern and encourage the appointment process to be restored, reducing the crippling number of judicial vacancies in Essex County and Statewide.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. PLEASE CALL/E-MAIL ESSEX COUNTY'S SENATORS AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RIGHT NOW.

It is fine to relay your message to the receptionist who will summarize it for the Senator and Governor.

Suggested Message:

Impress upon them that you are a lawyer, a constituent and a member of the Essex County Bar Association and are concerned with the rising number of judicial vacancies in the Essex County Superior Court. Explain that you are

calling to urge your representative to do everything possible to convince leadership to act by making the necessary nominations and appointments.

Suggested E-mail Message:

Dear Governor/State Senator_____:

I am an attorney, constituent and a member of the Essex County Bar Association and am seriously concerned with the number of judicial vacancies in the Essex County Superior Court.

It is clear that our local judiciary will not be able to continue to operate efficiently and effectively under these existing conditions and that the residents and businesses of Essex County and New Jersey will suffer as a result.

I write today to urge you to do everything possible to ensure that judicial nominations and appointments to the Essex County Superior Court begin immediately, averting a crisis in our court system.

Respectfully submitted,

Click [here](#) for contact information for your Essex County representatives and the Governor's Appointments Director.

We sincerely thank you for your assistance.