

# **FUNDAMENTALS OF MUNICIPAL COURT PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Rutgers School of Law-Newark**

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Learn the fundamentals of municipal court practice in New Jersey from the perspective of a municipal court judge, a municipal prosecutor, and a municipal public defender. While municipal courts are considered courts of limited jurisdiction, it is through the municipal courts that most people come into contact with the judicial system, either as a defendant, a victim, or a witness. Attorneys will gain an understanding of how to conduct themselves in municipal court and how to avoid some of the common pitfalls. This program can be used toward the New Jersey newly admitted lawyer requirement.

Topics will include:

- Overview of municipal court operations
- Courtroom etiquette
- Defendants' rights and penalties
- Immigration consequences
- Postponement request
- Discovery issues
- Motions
- Negotiated plea agreements
- Sentencing issues

**Faculty:**

**Hon. Leon Grauer, J.M.C.** | Municipal Court Judge | Newark, NJ

**Hon. Patricia Weston Rivera, J.M.C.** | Municipal Court Judge | Plainfield, NJ | Law  
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