

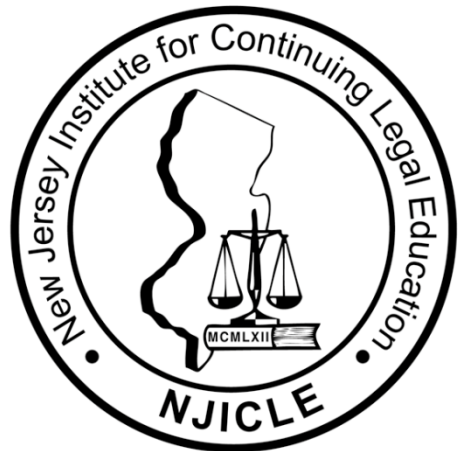
Municipal Court Practice

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Welcome to the Profession – Municipal Court Practice

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Introduction to Municipal Court Practice

- **Common municipal court charges and court's jurisdiction - [R. 7:1](#)**
- **Client intake**
 - Getting the MVC abstract
 - Fees
 - Using the New Jersey Municipal Court Case Search portal
- **Entering the appearance and waiving the first appearance - [R. 7:7-9](#)**
 - Use of JEDS and email
- **Discovery requests - [R. 7:7-7](#)**
 - How to make a request and what to include
 - Discovery, motions, and Holup relief
 - *State v. Holup*, 253 N.J. Super. 320 (App. Div. 1992)
 - Tailoring discovery to your case
- **Unwritten rules of engagement**
 - Dealing with court staff, judges, and prosecutors
 - View from a prosecutor
 - View from the bench
 - Virtual court
- **Plea-bargaining and pleas - [R. 7:6-2\(a\)](#)**
 - Civil reservations - R. 7:6-2(a)
 - Conditional dismissals ([2C: 43-13.1](#))/Conditional Discharge ([2C: 36A-1](#))
 - Pleas by mail/Online Dispute Resolution/Plea Online-R. 7:6-2, non-traffic offenses; [R. 7:12-3](#), traffic/parking offenses
 - Taking a factual basis - R. 7:6-2
 - Expedited expungements - [R. 7:9-6](#), [2C:52-6](#)
- **Motion practice - [R. 7:7-2](#)**
 - Orally or in writing
 - Motion to suppress - [R. 7:5-2](#)
- **Sentencing- R. 7:9-1**
 - Advocating in cases where there is sentencing discretion like license loss
 - *State v. Moran*, 202 N.J. 311 (2010)
- **Trials - [R. 7:12](#), [7:8-4](#)**
- **Appeals - [R. 7:13](#)**
 - Conditional pleas - [R. 7:6-2\(c\)](#)
 - Post-conviction Relief (PCR) - [R. 7:10-2](#)