

## THE BAR COMPACT

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Bar Association ("Bar") and the Burlington County Vicinage of the New Jersey Superior Court ("Court") have adopted policies which recognize the need for their joint participation in the management of the court system in the Vicinage, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of those policies requires the establishment of a joint management structure and the public undertaking of appropriate commitments,

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

1. The Court will not undertake any new program or adopt any new procedures affecting the Bar without prior exposure to the Bar and prior opportunity for discussion by the Bar.
2. The Court will keep the Bar informed as to all of its activities which affect the Bar.
3. The Court will undertake education programs designed to acquaint the Bar with the administrative organization, management techniques and management philosophy of the court system.
4. The Bar will keep the Court informed as to all of its activities which affect the Court.
5. The Bar will not undertake any new program or procedure which affects the Court without first exposing it to the Court and providing it with an opportunity for comment.
6. The Bar will undertake education programs designed to acquaint the Court with its administrative organization, its management techniques and its management philosophy.
7. Each party will designate one or more persons in each of its administrative offices to act as liaison officers for the purpose of maintaining a continuous flow of information between the parties.
8. The parties will form and maintain a joint committee, to be known as the Bench-Bar Management Committee, for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Compact.

The Committee shall be composed of:  
The President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, First Vice President and State Bar Trustee

(and)

The Assignment Judge of the Vicinage, Trial Court Administrator of the Vicinage and one Assistant Trial Court Administrator

(and)

One vacant seat for each party, to be occupied for the purposes of particular meetings by a lawyer and a judge appointed for the duration

of the meeting and selected by reason of their knowledge and experience with reference to topics to be discussed at the meeting.

The Committee shall meet monthly at such times and places as it considers to be agreeable. The Committee Chair shall alternate each month between the President of the Bar and the Assignment Judge.

The Committee shall have no authority to bind either party. Its purpose is to provide a permanent structure for the continuous exchange of information of interest to the parties, to further the relationship of the parties and their joint concerns and to promote the philosophy reflected in this agreement.

9. The value of this Compact lies in the good will which it expresses and the good intentions of the parties. While it is intended to remain in force indefinitely, it may be therefore terminated by either party at will.

THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
BY: John A. Sweeney, President

THE BURLINGTON COUNTY VICINAGE OF THE  
NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT  
BY: Martin L. Haines, Assignment Judge

Adopted: January 1986