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New Jersey Judiciary Helps Attorneys and Litigants Recover Files Lost During Sandy

The New Jersey Judiciary will provide attorneys and self-represented litigants with free replacement copies of any court papers in pending cases that were lost during Hurricane Sandy, Chief Justice Stuart Rabner announced today.

"The incredible destruction suffered by New Jersey residents during Sandy included, for some people, the loss of important documents that are needed for active court cases," said Chief Justice Rabner. "We are going to do everything we can to replace those documents as quickly as possible at no charge to attorneys and litigants who are already struggling to get back on their feet after the storm."

Affected attorneys and self-represented litigants can request a list of their active cases by completing the Active Case File Recovery Assistance -- Emergent Hurricane Sandy Request Form. The form is available at njcourts.com and on the New Jersey State Bar Association's website at njsba.com.

The same form can be used to request copies of specific case files. Priority will be given to filling copy requests in cases with upcoming trials or other emergent needs.

Active Superior Court cases have not yet been settled or dismissed and no judgment or summary judgment has been entered by the court. Other active cases include judgments that are still in effect and municipal court cases that have not been resolved by the court.

Requests for documents in Tax, Appellate and Supreme Court will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, regardless of the status of the case.

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