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Ocean Vicinage Seeking Civil Mediator Volunteers

The Ocean Vicinage is seeking volunteers to participate in the Vicinage Civil Mediation Program under the direction of the Civil Division staff.

Mediation is a dispute resolution process in which an impartial third party, the mediator, facilitates negotiations among the parties to help them reach a mutually acceptable settlement.

Volunteers trained in accordance with Court Rule 1:40-12 to work with litigants to resolve their disputes by developing a voluntary agreement that is acceptable to all without having to go before a judge.

Volunteers are needed on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ocean County Courthouse , 100 Hooper Ave., Toms River.

Free training will be provided.

Persons interested in applying for these unpaid volunteer opportunities can contact the court to receive an application packet. Contact Sonal Pushko, volunteer coordinator at Sonal.Pushko@judiciary.state.nj.us or at Ocean County Judicial Volunteer Program, 120 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08754.

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check, including fingerprinting.

The New Jersey Judiciary has made it a high priority to continue to develop a diverse workforce, wherein the various cultural and ethnic groups of the state are also represented by applicants for these opportunities.

African Americans, Hispanics, Asian/Pacific Islanders, women and other protected class members also are encouraged to participate.

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