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Ocean Vicinage Seeking Volunteers

The Ocean Vicinage is seeking volunteers for five Superior Court programs.

Special Civil settlement mediators are volunteers who review cases where one party can sue another party to collect an amount of money up to \$15,000 that they believe is owed to them. Trained volunteers assist the parties in attempting to resolve their dispute through their voluntary participation.

Landlord/Tenant settlement volunteers conduct landlord/tenant settlement proceedings in which the parties appear before a neutral third party trained volunteer who assists them in attempting to resolve their dispute through their voluntary participation.

Juvenile conference committee board members are court-appointed citizens who hear and decide matters involving alleged juvenile offenders. They make recommendations to a family court judge for a resolution that will help with the juvenile's rehabilitation.

Guardianship monitoring volunteers are appointed to help ensure that guardians of incapacitated elderly residents and young adults comply with the statutory and court-ordered requirements of their positions.

Courthouse visitors' assistance volunteers greet and direct litigants, attorneys and visitors to their destinations. They also answer questions and provide courthouse tours as needed.

Prospective volunteers for the five programs must undergo a screening process, which includes a written application, interview, fingerprinting and a criminal background check. Selected volunteers must attend training.

For additional information about the programs and the application process, contact Sarah J. Chavez at sarah.chavez1@njcourts.gov.

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