

Preface

The legislature has recognized that the era of newspapers seems to be at an end and has implemented new digital means of notice. Section 13:43 provides the new guidelines. The Supreme Court in *Whiteman v. Twp. Council of Berkeley Twp.*, 261 N.J. 106, 131 (2025) reminds us that a Planning Board is to act independently when evaluating a request for De-annexation. In *Twp. of Jackson v. Getzel Bee, LLC*, 480 N.J. Super. 592, 603, (App. Div. 2025) the Appellate Division cautions municipalities that condemnation may only be employed for a recognized public purpose.

The legislature also determined that it was time to limit the scope of the Open Public Records Act and extended the deadline for responding to purely commercial requests. The legislature also amended NJSA 47:1A-6 reducing the ability to obtain Counsel Fees to when a government agency “acted in bad faith, or knowingly and willfully violated NJSA 47:1A-1 et seq.”

The success of this book has always been dependent on the contributions of the Local Government Bar, the Local Government Law Section of the State Bar Association and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. I welcome comments and criticisms of this work. The intent of this work is to provide a fast and ready reference in the field of Municipal Law.

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