

# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## STATE LEGISLATORS

**N**EW JERSEY LEGISLATORS, Senators and Assembly members, are elected from 40 districts of substantially equal population. Voters in each district elect one Senator and two members of the General Assembly. Citizens of Monmouth County are represented by legislators from four legislative districts: 11, 12, 13 and 30.

Legislative elections are held in November of each odd-numbered year. Assembly members serve two-year terms. Senators serve four-year terms, except for the first term of a new decade, which is only two years. This “2-4-4” cycle allows for elections from new districts as soon as possible after reapportionment. Reapportionment happens every 10 years, after the U.S. Census, when the boundaries of New Jersey’s 40 districts are redrawn to maintain an equal population in each district.

Each house elects a presiding officer from among its members - the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly. They are second and third, respectively in the line of succession to the governorship after the Lt. Governor. The President of the Senate serves as acting Governor when the Governor and Lt. Governor are out of the state.

The chief function of the Legislature is to enact laws. A proposal to make a new law, or to change or repeal an existing law, is presented to the Legislature in the form of a bill. To become law, a bill must pass both houses by a majority vote and be signed by the Governor.

The Legislature can also propose amendments to the New Jersey constitution. An amendment must be passed by a vote of three-fifths of each house (24 votes in the Senate and 48 votes in the Assembly). No action by the Governor is required. If passed, the proposed amendment is placed as a question on the ballot in November for a public vote. An amendment may also be presented to the voters if the Legislature passes it two years in a row by a majority vote.

Additional powers of the Legislature include Senatorial approval of the Governor’s appointments of judges and other high officials. The Legislature is also empowered to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution, appoint the State Auditor, judge the elections and qualifications of its members, and institute and conduct impeachment proceedings against state officials.

## CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

**T**HE CONSTITUTION of the State of New Jersey authorizes the formation of the following elected county officers: The Surrogate and the County Clerk, each elected to five year terms, and the Sheriff, who is elected to a three year-term.

The state constitution also provides for the appointment by the Governor of a Prosecutor for a five-year term of office. The Board of Chosen Freeholders is responsible for providing funds, facilities and personnel for the operation of these offices. Under state law, the freeholders do not supervise the activities of these offices; they do cooperate fully with these four co-partners in county government.

MONMOUTH COUNTY  
**SURROGATE**



**Rosemarie D. Peters**

**THE SURROGATE** is an elected official authorized by the constitution of the State of New Jersey and carries a five-year term. The Surrogate's Court is a department of county government, as well as a branch of the Superior Court of New Jersey in the Chancery Division. The Surrogate serves as Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Probate Part, and Chancery Division, Family Part for adoptions, as well as Judge of the Surrogate's Court.

The County Surrogate has the authority to qualify executors and trustees named in wills, to appoint administrators for those who die without wills, and to appoint guardians for minors and legally incapacitated persons. The office is also responsible for overseeing the procedure in contested estate matters, in the declaration of incapacitation, in appointment of guardians, and in the granting of adoptions in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

The Surrogate is the custodian of the permanent records of estates, wills, guardianships, and adoptions. All permanent records dating back to the late 1700s are filed in the Surrogate's Court providing information for title searchers, genealogists, and local historians. The Surrogate places adoption records under seal and maintains these records. The Surrogate's Court is also custodian of funds awarded to minors through settlements, inheritances, or as beneficiaries of life insurance proceeds.

The Surrogate's office is located on the first floor of the Hall of Records, 1 East Main Street, Freehold. There are also satellite offices: the Middletown Library, 55 New Monmouth Road on Tuesdays; the Wall Township Library, 2700 Allaire Road on Wednesdays; the Ocean Township Library, 701 Deal Road on Thursdays and the Monmouth County Connection, 3544 State Highway 66, Neptune on Thursdays. All appointments must be made in advance for the satellite offices.

Rosemarie D. Peters, Esq., is serving in her second term as Monmouth County Surrogate. She was a member of the Middletown Township Committee and served as mayor and deputy mayor. She is currently a member of the NJ Supreme Court's Judiciary-Surrogate Liaison and Public Access to Court Records Committees.

Peters is a past member of the Executive Board and Legislative Review Committee of the NJ State League of Municipalities. She is a graduate of Rutgers School of Law-Newark, Thomas A. Edison State College, and Brookdale Community College.

MONMOUTH COUNTY  
**COUNTY CLERK**



**Christine Hanlon, Esq.**

**THE COUNTY CLERK** is an official authorized by the constitution of the State of New Jersey and, upon election to the office, carries a five year term. On April 1, 2015, Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. became the Acting Monmouth County Clerk. She was appointed to serve as the Monmouth County Clerk by Governor Chris Christie upon the retirement of long time Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French.

Prior to being appointed as County Clerk, Christine was Of Counsel to the law firm of Archer & Greiner, PC, one of the largest law firms in the State of New Jersey. She practiced law for over 20 years and has focused her legal practice on government affairs and municipal law. She is also a former Commissioner on the Monmouth County Board of Elections, serving as Secretary for two years.

Christine received her law degree from Fordham University in 1992, and following her graduation from law school, she was Law Clerk to the Honorable A. Simon Chrein, Chief United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, from 1992 to 1993. She then served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, New York, from 1993 to 1997, during which time she prosecuted white collar, narcotics and violent felony cases as a member of the Arson and Economic Crime Unit.

Christine currently serves as a Trustee for the Monmouth County Bar Association and a Trustee for the Monmouth County Bar Foundation. She is also a former Arbitrator for the State of New Jersey District Fee Arbitration Committee.

The County Clerk's responsibilities comprise recording all real property records for the County (mortgages, land title deeds, liens, trade names and many other documents); managing the county's electronic records archives and the County's open public records system; preparing the election ballots, processing vote-by-mail applications, tabulating election totals and certifying election results to the Secretary of State; assisting people seeking passports; and storing a high volume of the County's archival and historic records, some of which date as far back as the 17th century.

The County Clerk's Office also provides resident and veteran identification cards to county residents and administers oaths to notaries and public officials and performs wedding ceremonies.

MONMOUTH COUNTY  
**SHERIFF**



**Shaun Golden**

**T**HE MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF is an elected official authorized by the constitution of the State of New Jersey and carries a three year term. Sheriff Shaun Golden is the 76th sheriff of Monmouth County and is the chief executive of the 605 member, \$68 million agency which consists of four divisions: law enforcement, communications, special operations and corrections, as well as the administration of the Monmouth County Police Academy and the Office of Emergency Management, which played the lead role in preparing for Superstorm Sandy and coordinating the response and recovery efforts during and after the storm.

Innovative programs and partnerships offer over 30 community safety programs including Citizens Police Academy, Sheriff Youth Week, Child ID Program, Senior ID Program, Distracted Driving and others including a partnership with Neptune High School in establishing Explorer Post #1 for the Jump Start Law/Criminal Justice students. The Sheriff's Office collaborates with the Office on Aging with Senior programs, including the Project Lifesaver Program, an electronic location system for memory impaired seniors and children with Autism.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is nationally accredited in all areas of operation and continues to maintain or exceed nationally accepted standards. The Sheriff has been instrumental in promoting shared services in Monmouth County through the expansion of the Communications Division, to cost effectively address the ever increasing needs of Monmouth County's first responders.

A lifelong Monmouth County resident, Sheriff Golden brings a wealth of experience in law enforcement and public administration with over 20 years' experience in law enforcement as well as experience as an EMT, certified paramedic and volunteer firefighter. He holds a master's degree in administration from Seton Hall University, is a NJ Certified Public Manager and an adjunct professor at Monmouth University.

Sheriff Golden is on the Executive Board of the Constitutional Officer's Association of New Jersey, is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Monmouth-Ocean Foundation for Children, board member of the Monmouth County Prevention Coalition, and chairman of the Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts Exploring Committee. The Sheriff has received Community Service Awards from both the Latino American Association of New Jersey and the Silver Gull Award from the Monmouth Ocean Development Council. He has also received the Good Scout award from the Western Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts as well as Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service from Monmouth University.

MONMOUTH COUNTY  
**PROSECUTOR**



**Christopher J. Gramiccioni**

**T**HE COUNTY PROSECUTOR is appointed by the Governor to serve a five-year term. The Monmouth County Prosecutor deals with approximately 15,000 cases annually and, as chief law enforcement officer of the County, works closely with municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute crimes committed in Monmouth County.

The Prosecutor's Office has many diverse and specialized investigative units that focus on violent crimes, sex crimes, child abuse, narcotics crimes, public corruption, gangs, financial and computer crimes. The Prosecutor has the ultimate responsibility for determining which criminal cases should be brought to trial and supervises all municipal prosecutors in the County.

Christopher J. Gramiccioni is a 1998 graduate of the University of the Baltimore School of Law and began his legal career as an officer in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. From 1999 through 2002, Mr. Gramiccioni was assigned tours as a prosecutor, defense attorney, appellate attorney and legal assistance advisor while stationed in several locations around the United States. Mr. Gramiccioni remains affiliated with the U.S. Naval Reserve and recently completed a 7-month deployment to Afghanistan with a Special Operations Task Force operated by a Naval Special Warfare Team as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2002 to 2011, Mr. Gramiccioni served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, handling hundreds of federal criminal investigations and prosecutions. During his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Gramiccioni worked in the Special Prosecutions Division, the Organized Crime & Drug Enforcement Task Force Unit, and the Terrorism Unit.

In 2012, Mr. Gramiccioni was appointed as the Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor overseeing the day-to-day operations of more than 300 employees and a \$23 million budget. Mr. Gramiccioni also serves as a liaison with court and judicial personnel, as well as all elected county representatives, and is responsible for coordination of law enforcement efforts with more than 50 municipal police departments in Monmouth County.

Christopher J. Gramiccioni has spent his career in public service, is a recognized expert in criminal law and procedure, evidence, military law and trial advocacy, and has successfully tried to verdict more than 45 contested jury trials

UNITED STATES  
**LEGISLATORS**

**T**WO U.S. senators represent the State of New Jersey in Washington D.C. Serving a term of six years, the senators are elected by, and equally represent, the citizens of the entire state.

UNITED STATES  
**SENATORS**

**Hon. Cory Booker**

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UNITED STATES  
**CONGRESSMEN**

**M**onmouth County has three members of the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. Each of the congressmen represents the congressional district from which he is elected.

Monmouth County has two U. S. Congressmen:

**Hon. Christopher H. Smith - Fourth Congressional District**

**Hon. Frank Pallone, Jr. - Sixth Congressional District**

**UNITED STATES LEGISLATORS**

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**Monmouth municipalities represented are:**

Allentown, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Colts Neck , Eatontown, Englishtown, Fair Haven, Farmingdale, Freehold Borough, Freehold Township, Holmdel, Howell, Lake Como, Little Silver, Manalapan, Manasquan, Middletown, Township (part), Millstone, Neptune City, Neptune Township, Ocean, Red Bank, Roosevelt, Rumson, Sea Girt, Shrewsbury Township, Shrewsbury Borough, Spring Lake Heights, Spring Lake, Tinton Falls, Upper Freehold and Wall.

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HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

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**Monmouth municipalities represented are:**

Aberdeen , Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Atlantic Highlands, Deal, Hazlet, Highlands, Interlaken, Keansburg, Keyport, Loch Arbour Village, Long Branch City, Marlboro, Matawan, Middletown Township (part), Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Sea Bright, Union Beach and West Long Branch.

MONMOUTH COUNTY STATE  
**LEGISLATORS**

**New Jersey Governor, Hon. Chris Christie**

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In New Jersey, each Legislative District in the county is represented by one State Senator, and two Assembly representatives. These are the four legislative districts in Monmouth County and the municipalities that they represent.

**District 11**

Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Colts Neck, Deal, Eatontown, Freehold Borough, Freehold Township, Interlaken, Loch Arbour, Long Branch, Neptune City, Neptune Township, Ocean, Red Bank, Shrewsbury Borough, Shrewsbury Township, Tinton Falls, West Long Branch

**District 12**

Allentown, Chesterfield\*, Englishtown, Jackson\*, Manalapan, Matawan, Millstone, New Hanover\*, North Hanover\*, Old Bridge\*, Plumsted\*, Roosevelt, Upper Freehold, Wrightstown\*

**District 13**

Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Fair Haven, Hazlet, Highlands Holmdel, Keansburg, Keyport, Little Silver, Marlboro, Middletown, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Rumson, Sea Bright, Union Beach

**District 30**

Avon-by-the-Sea, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Farmingdale, Howell, Lake Como, Lakewood, Manasquan, Point Pleasant, Sea Girt, Spring Lake Borough, Spring Lake Heights, Wall

*\*Not Monmouth County towns.*

MONMOUTH COUNTY STATE  
**LEGISLATORS**

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Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Colts Neck, Deal, Eatontown, Freehold Borough, Freehold Township, Interlaken, Loch Arbour, Long Branch, Neptune City, Neptune Township, Ocean, Red Bank, Shrewsbury Borough, Shrewsbury Township, Tinton Falls, West Long Branch

MONMOUTH COUNTY STATE  
**LEGISLATORS**

**DISTRICT 12**

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**MUNICIPALITIES IN THIS DISTRICT:**

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New Hanover, North Hanover, Old Bridge, Plumsted, Roosevelt, Upper Freehold  
Wrightstown

MONMOUTH COUNTY STATE  
**LEGISLATORS**

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**MUNICIPALITIES IN THIS DISTRICT:**

Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Fair Haven, Hazlet, Highlands, Holmdel, Keansburg,  
Keyport, Little Silver, Marlboro, Middletown, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Rumson,  
Sea Bright, Union Beach

**DISTRICT 30**

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**MUNICIPALITIES IN THIS DISTRICT:**

Avon-by-the-Sea, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Farmingdale, Howell, Lake Como, Lakewood, Manasquan, Point Pleasant, Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Wall

**M**ONMOUTH COUNTY is one of four original counties of East Jersey, the others being Bergen, Essex and Middlesex.

At the time of its creation, Monmouth County encompassed all of the present day Monmouth and Ocean counties. It ranks as the sixth largest county in terms of area.

Inhabited by more than 630,380 residents, Monmouth County is ranked as the fourth largest county in the state in terms of population.

One of the highest points on the east coast of the United States is the highlands of northeast Monmouth County. These are the first lands one sees, coming from the ocean into New York Harbor. It was this land that the Dutch explorer, Henry Hudson, saw in 1609 as his ship, the Half Moon, made its way into the river that today bears his name. In his ship's log, dated "September 2, 1609," Hudson wrote, "this is a very good land to fall in with and a pleasant land to see."

Monmouth County was established in 1683 and Freehold was established as the county seat in 1719.

The first and now the oldest continuously operational lighthouse in the country was placed in service at Sandy Hook in 1764.

The Battle of Monmouth took place on June 28, 1778, in what today is Manalapan and Freehold townships. It was the largest and fiercest battle of the American Revolution, and was where Mary Hayes gained fame as "Molly Pitcher" who carried water to thirsty American soldiers during the scorching hot weather. Later, she took up her husband's position at an artillery piece when he was wounded.

Every major American general of the war participated in the battle, including George Washington, who rallied his retreating troops to carry the day. It was the first major engagement in which the American forces took the offensive.

Most historians conclude that the Battle of Monmouth was the turning point of the American Revolution. Monmouth Battlefield State Park located on Highway 33 preserves the site of the conflict.

In the 1860s the seaside resorts of Monmouth County began enjoying an extraordinary reputation thanks to First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln who began vacationing at Long Branch, followed by visits from Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Woodrow Wilson. In 1881, President Garfield died in Long Branch, the result of wounds suffered at the hand of an assassin.

The Garden State Parkway opened up the Jersey Shore to beachgoers, and in the 50's to residential development. Additionally, the widening of Highway 9 in the 1960s, in western Monmouth County, spurred development in that region.