

The Honorable David Katz

Immediate Past President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges



The Honorable David B. Katz was appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in 2008. He currently serves as the Presiding Judge in the Family Division in the Essex Vicinage. Judge Katz is currently the Chair of the Conference of Presiding Family Judges in New Jersey and in that capacity is a member of the Judicial Council. Judge Katz has also served as the Lead Judge for Children in Court, Lead Judge for Domestic Violence, the Family Drug Court Judge and Chair of the Model Court. Judge Katz is the past Chair of the Children in Court Subcommittee of the Conference of Presiding Judges, Chair of the Domestic Violence Sub-Committee of the Conference of Presiding Judges, Vice-Chair of the State-wide Domestic Violence Working Group, and Co-chair of the Essex County Domestic Violence Group. He has also served as Vice President of the New Jersey Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Judge Katz is a Board Director of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He is the Vice-Chair of the Family Violence and Domestic Relations Advisory Committee, and a member of the Curriculum Development and Legislative Committees.

From 2013–2015, Judge Katz was assigned to the Chancery Division, General Equity. Judge Katz received his law degree from Seton Hall Law School in 1987, with honors, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Seton Hall Law Review. He also has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Fairleigh-Dickinson University and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware. Judge Katz is a former law clerk to the Hon. Garrett E. Brown, Jr., United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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📍 Santa Clarita, CA

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🕒 03/16/25–03/19/25

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📍 Glen Ellen, CA

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