

**NJ LAWS EMAIL  
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**1. Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Facts**

Having been a successful college athlete and never skipping a training day over the years, I continued entering road races and attempting to win my age group each weekend. Unfortunately, when I passed age 50 decades of running, karate, volleyball, soccer and working out wore out the cartilage in my knee. I had micro fracture surgery in 2010 to attempt to fix my knee. The knee improved for a short time, but I was back to the hospital. The fine doctors at University Orthopedic advised of a new FDA approved procedure and medical study. I volunteered for this medical study for knee cartilage repair. The knee doctor inserted a

cadaver cartilage piece in left knee. The study was funded by Zimmer Pharmaceutical. I am now a recipient of an organ donation. I thank the family of the kind and generous donation of living tissue. I want the family and public to know their decision to donate has changed my life in a very positive way. I will never be winning the races again, but I am happy to run and bike daily. I am now able to run charity 5k races without pain. I urge friends to sign organ donor card and have a Living Will prepared.

What is National Donate Life Month? Originally a weeklong observance, it was officially recognized as a month-long event every April. The celebration commemorates those who have received or continue to wait for life-saving transplants and honors those who died while waiting.

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Who can be a donor? People of all ages and medical

histories should consider themselves potential donors. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated.

Does my religion support organ and tissue donation? Every major religion in the United States supports organ and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.

Is there a cost to be an organ, eye and tissue donor? There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for donation. The donor family pays only for medical expenses before death and costs associated with funeral arrangements.

Does my social and/or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ if I ever need one? No. When you are on the transplant waiting list for a donor organ, what really counts is the severity of your illness, body size, tissue type, blood type and other important medical information.

Why should I register to be an organ and tissue donor? Organ and tissue transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy, productive, and normal lives and return them to their families, friends and communities. To learn more or to register to become an organ and tissue donor, visit [www.NJSharingNetwork.org](http://www.NJSharingNetwork.org). Also contact your attorney to have a Living Will/ Advance Directive

prepared.

**2. No home release or wristlet if mandatory 180 jail.  
State v Harris 439 NJ Super. 150 (App. Div. 2015)**

Following the recent opinion in State v. French, 437 N.J. Super. 333 (App. Div. 2014), the court hold that a defendant convicted of violating either N.J.S.A. 2C:40-26a or N.J.S.A. 2C:40-26b must be sentenced to at least 180 days in jail without parole. French held that a sentence to an in-patient drug rehabilitation program in lieu of jail was an illegal sentence under section 26b. The court concludes that, under section 26a or 26b, a sentence to any other non-custodial alternative program, such as a home detention program (HEDS) or a community service program (CSLS), is likewise illegal.

**3. April Seminars Ken V is speaker:**

April 20 Nuts & Bolts of Elder Law & Estate  
Administration Seminar 2015

April 20 5:00 PM- 9:00 PM NJ Law Center

Includes a 240 + page book, plus CD with sample  
forms, documents & checklists! and dinner

Speakers:

-KENNETH A. VERCAMMEN, ESQ. Co-Chair, ABA  
Estate Planning & Probate Committee, Past GP Solo  
Section Attorney of the Year  
Past NJSBA Municipal Court Practitioner of the Year  
Edison, NJ

- WILLIAM P. ISELE, ESQ. Past NJ Ombudsman for  
the Elderly
  - MARTIN A. SPIGNER, ESQ. Law Office of Martin A.  
Spigner, Cranbury
  - ADAM DUBECK, Esq.
- \$170.00 General Tuition, reduced fee for NJSBA Elder  
& Disability Law Section

April 27 Wills & Power of Attorney Seminar  
North Brunswick Seniors  
at 12:30

North Brunswick Senior Center, 15 Linwood Place,  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

April 30 Hot Topics in DWI Atlantic City  
Thursday, April 30, 2015  
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm  
Boardwalk Seminar NJAJ

<https://www.nj-justice.org/index.cfm?pg=bwcrim05x>

#### **4. Charity Running Races:**

4/18/15 Runapoloza Jersey Shore relay & The Asbury  
Park Half Marathon

4/19/15 Inspire 5k 9am East Brunswick Community  
Arts Center, 721 Cranbury Road

4/25/15 JSRC 5k at Bar A

4/26 Franklin Food Bank 62 mile & 40-mile bike 62  
Mile Metric Century - 7:30 AM, \$45.00 40 Mile 6

Towns of Franklin

[http://www.franklinfoodbank.org/events/registra\\_tour.htm](http://www.franklinfoodbank.org/events/registra_tour.htm)

Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m. 5K, [Harvest of Hope 5K](#), North Brunswick, New Jersey

May 9, 9 a.m. 5K, [Brick 5K](#), Brick, New Jersey

## **5. New YouTube Educational Videos**

If No Probable Cause to Arrest, Search of Person is Improper

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEu1IN63c58>

Hire an Attorney to Reduce License Suspensions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKZ8eZdDl0s>

Careless Driving

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L89lT2pM24w>

Defense of Drug Charges

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRwM2sPG0-U>

Criminal Mischief

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUowxLUIkCs> □ □

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