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TO: Commissioners
FROM: Counsel Staff
RE: Developments in Counsel's Office since February 25,
2021

Commission Cases

Appeals from Commission Decisions

No new appeals from Commission decisions were filed since February 25.

Oral argument is scheduled for March 24, 2021, in In the Matter of County of Essex and PBA Local 382 (App. Div. Dkt. No. A-3458-19T4), in which the County appeals from a final Commission decision, SN-2017-033, granting, in part, and denying in part, the County's request for a restraint of binding arbitration of the PBA's grievance challenging the County's unilateral change of medical insurance carriers that allegedly reduced the level of health benefits.

In In the Matter of Rowan University and Nicolai Thompson (App. Div. Dkt. No. A-000864-20T2), Mr. Thompson filed a motion for a stay of his appeal from the Director of Arbitration's denial of his request for appointment from the Special Disciplinary Arbitration Panel, DA-2020-005, because that process is no longer available for campus police officers according to the Appellate Division's decision in In re DiGuglielmo, 465 N.J. Super. 42 (App. Div. 2020). A Petition for Certification in the DiGuglielmo matter is presently pending before the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Oral argument is scheduled for May 5, 2021, in In the Matter of Atlantic County Sheriff's Office and PBA Local 243 (App. Div. Dkt. No. A-2095-19T3), in which the PBA appeals from a final Commission decision, SN-2019-059, restraining binding arbitration of a grievance contesting the County's refusal to increase the number of Sheriff's officers assigned to the County's facilities to conform with alleged past minimum staffing.

Commission Court Decisions

No new Commission court decisions were issued since February 25.

Non-Commission Court Decisions Related to the Commission's Jurisdiction

No new non-Commission court decisions related to the Commission's jurisdiction were issued since February 25.