

Legal Support to the Essex County Correctional Facility Civilian Task Force

To assist the Essex County Correctional Facility Civilian Task Force in ongoing oversight activities, legal personnel and firm resources at McCarter and English, LLP provide administrative and legal support services under the direction of Executive Director Judge Jose Linares.

Legal professionals at McCarter and English assist the Task Force in drafting legal documentation and by-laws. McCarter and English prepares documentation and protocol recommendations for delivery to the County as requested by the Task Force. Attorneys review, consider, and monitor legal cases filed in Court on behalf of detainees, providing counsel during Task Force and Stakeholder meetings.

On behalf of the Task Force, McCarter and English acts as a liaison between the Task Force and Essex County officials and the correctional facility. McCarter & English marshals requests for documents, reports, witnesses and other information requests from either the County or the correctional facility. As requested by the Task Force, McCarter & English provides legal support to initiated investigation proceedings.

McCarter and English receives and processes Task Force communications and grievances, including public communications submitted to the Task Force email and voicemail. McCarter & English additionally assists in setting up Task Force meetings and events, document preparation and filing, and other administrative support services.