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## **Equalizing Educational Opportunity in New Jersey: A Conversation with Five Former Supreme Court Justices about Abbott v. Burke**

Join us for a unique program at a distinctive time. New Jersey judges and lawyers overwhelmingly selected Abbott v. Burke as the most important state court decision of the 20th century. In recent months, Abbott, or at least the way in which it has been implemented, has come under increasingly sharp scrutiny. This fall and winter, as New Jersey's legislative and executive branches seek to formulate and adopt a new school funding law, Abbott and its judicial mandates will be at the heart of the debate.

You have the special opportunity to listen in on a conversation among five former New Jersey Supreme Court justices who participated actively in the Abbott decisions over a span of more than 20 years. Former Chief Justice Deborah Poritz and former Associate Justices James Coleman, Alan Handler, Daniel O'Hern and Gary Stein will share their reflections and views in a panel discussion moderated by Paul Tractenberg, a long-time Rutgers School of Law-Newark professor and the founder of the Education Law Center, which has represented the urban student plaintiffs in Abbott. Questions and comments from the audience will be encouraged.

**Date:** September 19, 2007  
**Time:** 8:30 A.M. ~ 12:00 P.M.  
**Location:** New Jersey State Bar Foundation  
New Jersey Law Center  
One Constitution Square  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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