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Gann Law Acquires New Jersey Lawyers Diary and Manual

Two of the oldest institutions serving the New Jersey legal community have joined forces. Gann Law (formerly Gann Law Books) has acquired the New Jersey Lawyers Diary and Manual.

“This is awesome,” said Michael Protzel, President of Gann. “These are the two oldest legal publishing companies operating in New Jersey, serving the community since the 1930s. Gann looks forward to combining our expertise in New Jersey legal analysis and online legal research with the go-to source for listings of attorneys, judges and judiciary personnel, as well as municipal, county, state and federal governmental offices and officials. Many thanks to the Skinder and Strauss families and their skilled staff for their years of service to the New Jersey legal community.”

“My family has loved serving the legal community of New Jersey for three generations,” said Michael Skinder, longtime publisher of the Diary. “We are pleased that the New Jersey Lawyers Diary will continue in such able hands as Gann Law.”

In the early 1930s, Aaron Skinder and Frida Pickman began a courier service in Newark, running papers between firms and courts. Then, in 1939, they launched a directory of legal community members, and later purchased a statewide attorney directory and legal guide which evolved over time into the comprehensive reference manual that is today's New Jersey Lawyers Diary and Manual.

In 1936, with the complete revision of New Jersey statutes pending, Morris Gann started Gann Law Books. In 1937, Gann began the New Jersey Legislative Service. In the 1950s, Gann published the highly acclaimed New Jersey [Civil] Rules Service by Morris Schnitzer and Julius Wildstein, which was succeeded in 1969 by New Jersey Court Rules Annotated, with commentary by Sylvia B. Pressler and, later, former NJ Supreme Court Justice, Peter Verniero. This volume has long been considered the “Bible of NJ law practice.” In the early 1970s, Gann was instrumental in publishing the newly-revised New Jersey Rules of Evidence, which today has commentary by Harvey Weissbard and Alan Zegas. In the 1980s, Gann began expanding its New Jersey library which now includes more than 20 titles, often cited as authority by NJ Courts. In the early 2000s, Gann launched Gann Online, its web-based research platform - the most intelligent, user friendly, comprehensive NJ electronic legal research database on the market today. The purchase of the Lawyers Diary and Manual will enable Gann to provide an enriched information environment for legal research across its entire catalog.

Gann is currently distributing the 2025 Edition of the New Jersey Lawyers Diary and will begin as publisher with the 2026 Edition.

Michael Protzel, President