

SCHOOL LAW---STATE EDUCATIONAL FINANCING SYSTEM CHALLENGED

Robinson v. Cahill (Superior Court,  
Law Division, Hudson County, Docket  
No. L-18704-69) by Harold J. Ruvoldt,  
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This suit challenges the method of financing public education in New Jersey. The plaintiffs contend that they are being discriminated against because of their race and poverty, in that the State's reliance on the property tax to provide funds for public education results in lower educational expenditures in areas which have limited tax bases, than in areas with abundant tax ratables. In their brief, the plaintiffs point out that school districts in wealthy areas spend more money per pupil and have a more favorable teacher-student ratio than do school districts in poor areas. The plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief.

The State Office of Legal Services has filed an amicus curiae brief, noted on page 1 of this Report.

Brief.

