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TOP RATED LAWYERS

NEW JERSEY ENGLISHTOWN

GARY S. SHAPIRO

Gary S. Shapiro practices in the areas of plaintiffs' personal injury, products liability, workers' compensation, commercial litigation, criminal and municipal defense, employment law, medical malpractice and trucking/motor vehicle and motorcycle accidents. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar and U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey in 1988, the New York Bar in 1989 and the Florida Bar in 1990. Gary has been selected as a SuperLawyer since 2016 and serves on the Board of Governors of NJAJ.

Gary received his B.A. in 1984 from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He received his J.D. in 1988 at the Hofstra University School of Law. He served as President of Hofstra University School of Law from 1987-1988. He served as law clerk to the Honorable Joyce E. Munkacsi and the Honorable Peter D. Pizzuto from 1988-1989.

Throughout the years, Gary has helped his clients recover millions of dollars to help them get back on their feet and acquire the compensation they deserve. He does this with hard work and tenacity while treating his clients with dignity and respect. He is accessible to his clients and respected by his peers.



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TOP RATED LAWYERS

NEW JERSEY

MORRISTOWN

BLAIR R. ZWILLMAN, ESQ.


FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE

BLAIR R. ZWILLMAN, has been practicing all aspects of Criminal Defense, including Federal, State, Municipal and White Collar defense for 44 years. He is a cum laude graduate of New England Law at Boston. He was formerly a prosecutor with the trial and appellate sections of the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, Division of Criminal Justice, prior to entering the private practice of law.

Mr. Zwillman has tried in excess of 70 criminal jury trials to verdict. He has been certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a criminal trial attorney since 1983. Mr. Zwillman handles all types of criminal cases in New Jersey, New York and Federal Courts throughout the United States.

In addition to the Martindale AV Preeminent rating, Mr. Zwillman has been recognized as a leading attorney in Criminal Defense and White Collar defense by a number of peer-reviewed organizations including *Best Lawyers* and *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Zwillman is a former Chair of the Essex County VB Ethics Committee. He has also served as President of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, a highly regarded specialty bar organization.



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NEW JERSEY

TOMS RIVER


TIMOTHY PETRIN

ESTATES, PERSONAL INJURY, REAL ESTATE

TIMOTHY PETRIN has been practicing with James J. Curry, Jr. since 2006. His practice focuses on estate planning, estate litigation, elder law, personal injury, and real estate. He has been AV rated since 2014.

He was an adjunct instructor of English at Ocean County College for more than 10 years. Also, he is the Service Projects Director for the Forked River Rotary Club and the Club's current Foundation Treasurer.

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NEW JERSEY Cedar Knolls

MARAZITI FALCON, LLP

Environmental and Redevelopment Law, Litigation & Climate Change Resiliency

Maraziti Falcon, LLP is a New Jersey legal leader in the critical areas of redevelopment and environmental law; climate change resiliency; government; land use; construction law; qualified opportunity zones; qualified opportunity funds; and complex litigation. The firm provides representation before federal and state courts and administrative agencies to achieve timely and innovative measures to adapt to climate changes and the rise of sea level; as well as air, water, wastewater permitting and compliance; enforcement defense; bidding requirements; construction and insurance claims; recovery of damages and cleanup costs.

Maraziti Falcon's ten lawyers also have deep experience in real estate law, enabling them to lead the discussions on matters such as selling or purchasing contaminated property, tax appeals, condemnation actions and litigating public bidding issues. For decades, the firm has provided innovative solutions for public and private sector clients in regulatory, transactional and litigation matters. The firm provides not only effective, experienced legal representation but, more importantly, the personal attention to which clients are entitled.

The firm's advice on environmental issues reflects the laws governing public entities such as the Local Public Contracts Law, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Local Land and Buildings Law and the Local Government Ethics Law. Maraziti Falcon's in-depth knowledge has made them an authority on the legal and policy challenges facing public and private entities, and led them to serve as Special Redevelopment Counsel for many New Jersey municipal entities including the Cities of Newark, Hoboken, Asbury Park, and Salem City; the Townships of Neptune and Carneys Point; the Boroughs of Flemington and Milford; as well as general counsel for redevelopment agencies on various projects.

The firm serves as Township Attorney for the Township of Millburn and represents several Planning Boards including the Morris Plains Planning Board, Pompton Lakes Planning Board, the Borough of Palmyra Land Use Board, and represents public and private entities before Planning Boards throughout New Jersey.

For decades, the firm has been active in the New Jersey Water Environment Association and the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA). The firm represents many sewerage authorities, that are members of the AEA, including Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, Hanover Sewerage Authority, Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority and Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority. Additionally, as to the public water supply and solid waste, the firm represents the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

With climate change risk impacting every facet of life and business, the firm's lawyers have been sought after by New Jersey's professional and legal communities to lead in-person and remote lectures, educational sessions and presentations. Additionally, the firm has been engaged with educational seminars regarding brownfield redevelopment in designated qualified opportunity zones.

As can be seen, we have focused our practice on the representation of local government entities in the areas enumerated above. We are grateful for having had many opportunities throughout New Jersey to assist our clients in realizing their goals and meeting complex challenges. We know New Jersey and look forward to the continued provision of quality service to these and other clients as they seek to preserve and improve the quality of life in the locations for which they are responsible, and which is so important to them.



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