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As captain of my college fencing team, I learned to appreciate the importance of developing trust with my teammates, opponents and the referees, and other lessons that benefited my development as a trial lawyer, such as knowing when to attack and when to remain defensive minded. The tactics of good fencing are actually quite similar to those of a good litigator.

Mr. Barreiro focuses his practice in the representation of individuals and businesses in complex commercial litigation, including international litigation and chancery matters. He has served clients in a variety of industries, including real estate, financial and mortgage lending, transportation, food and beverage, technology, healthcare, legal, accounting and environmental.

Mr. Barreiro is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. His broad-based experience includes restrictive covenant and unfair competition cases, real estate and specific performance disputes, contractual litigation, partnership and shareholder disputes, consumer fraud act litigation for developers and individuals, bankruptcy litigation, professional liability litigation, estate and employment matters, construction litigation, and personal injury cases.

Mr. Barreiro also assists clients in Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) cases involving the voluntary disclosure to the Internal Revenue Services of previously unreported income and undisclosed foreign accounts and assets.

Departments

Litigation
Employment Law

Practice Groups

Bankruptcy & Financial
Restructuring
Cannabis Industry
Community Association
Construction Disputes
Real Estate Brokerage

Education

Rutgers University School of
Law-Newark, J.D., 1998
Rutgers University, B.A., 1993

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1999
U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey, 1999

Clerkships

Former law clerk to The
Honorable Jack L. Lintner,
Superior Court of New Jersey,
Chancery Division, Middlesex
County (1998-1999)

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HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.) (2014 – present)
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Civil Litigation: Defense practice area (2021 - present)
- Listed in *Super Lawyers - New Jersey Rising Stars* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Civil Litigation: Defense, Construction Litigation: Business, Business Litigation, Professional Liability: Defense, Employment Litigation: Defense, and Consumer Law practice areas (2010, 2011)

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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- Successfully obtained summary judgment in New Jersey Superior Court on behalf of the firm's client, an accountant who investigated an Israeli company involved in operating movie theaters in Israel. Our client conducted a comprehensive financial review of the company, during which he uncovered allegedly fraudulent activity including unapproved loans and the issuance of unrecorded checks as loan collateral. After reporting his findings to the company, the company CEO accused the accountant of defamation, tortious interference, participating in a civil conspiracy, and intentional infliction of emotional distress based on alleged conduct that occurred during the course of the investigation. After reviewing the briefs and hearing the firm's argument, the Court agreed with the firm's motion and dismissed all claims against the accountant. More about this case [here](#).
- Representation of a former PSE&G Project Manager (Remediation) nuclear power plant in Salem River, in claims against the utility under New Jersey's Conscientious Employee Protection Act (CEPA) and Law Against Discrimination (LAD). The employee alleged in his lawsuit filed in Superior Court that he was fired for reporting that a PSE&G contractor had dumped illegally discharged contaminated wastewater collected from a PSE&G superfund site into a Camden municipal sewer drain. Click [here](#) to read Law360's coverage of the Appellate Division's recent ruling in this whistleblower lawsuit.
- Representation of a major developer in several Consumer Fraud Act cases concerning construction of condominiums, including several jury trials.
- Participated with many other lawyers in the firm in the six-month trial of a high-profile undue influence case in the Chancery Division, Bergen County, New Jersey.

- Representation of a major New Jersey law firm in defense of a RICO, fraud and malpractice case in the Federal District Court of New Jersey.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in the Federal District Court of New Jersey of fraudulent conveyance claims in excess of \$700,000 concerning an international contract dispute.
- Obtained a no cause verdict after full trial in the Superior Court, Essex County in defense of a tortious interference / breach of loyalty claim against a business that hired a sales person who allegedly stole a price list from her prior employer.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in an accountant malpractice matter with claims in excess of \$1,500,000 on the first day of trial in the Superior Court, Morris County, and a successful settlement of a related fraud claim filed in the New York Supreme Court, Suffolk County after three days of trial.
- Successfully conducted a private arbitration in an international dispute involving claims in excess of \$10,000,000 concerning the distribution of international television programming.

UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Equity Jurisprudence Special Committee (2021-2022 term)
- Trial Attorneys of New Jersey
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Middlesex County Bar Association

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- Mr. Barreiro is a member of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Recruitment & Retention Focus Group
- Founder and member, Bridges Networking Group

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, The Gavel National Conference IV

Sponsor: *The Gavel*, 1.20-22.20

Presenter, Budgetology: The "Science" of Developing Successful and Cost-Effective Relationships with Outside Counsel

Sponsor: *The Gavel*, January 16, 2018

Presenter, Negotiating Past Your Walk-Away Value

Sponsor: *The Gavel*, June 13, 2017

Moderator/Panelist, Crisis Management: Part III

Sponsor: *Magna Legal Services*, May 11 & 12, 2017

Panelist, Budgetology: The 'Science' of Developing Successful and Cost-Effective Relationships With Outside Counsel

Sponsor: *Association of Corporate Counsel, New Jersey Chapter (ACCNJ)*, September 18, 2015

Panelist, The Perfect Storm: Crisis Management for In-House Counsel

Sponsor: *Magna Legal Services*, May 28, 2015

Speaker, Demystifying Chancery Practice

Sponsor: *Middlesex County Bar Association CLE Seminar*, June 2012

Speaker, The Basics on Practice in the Chancery Division

Sponsor: *Middlesex County Bar Association CLE Seminar*, October 2010

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Author, Recent Court Decision Interprets New Jersey Condominium Act To Determine Voting Rights of Investor Owners

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, November 2016

NEWS

Thirty-Four Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2024 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers

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