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I always knew I would end up working as a lawyer in New Jersey. I grew up in the state, went to college and law school here, and clerked for a federal judge in the District of New Jersey. I'm proud to practice law right here at home.

Ms. Reckord's litigation practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts. Her representation of clients includes matters in the areas of banking, employment, family law, trusts & estates, class action defense, consumer fraud, construction and commercial real estate.

Ms. Reckord represents condominium associations and unit owners in construction-related matters including contract disputes, consumer fraud cases and RICO claims. She represents developers in arbitrations and litigation proceedings regarding construction defects, including buildings and heavy construction projects.

In the banking and financial services sector, Ms. Reckord represents secured creditors in all aspects of asset recovery and foreclosure. Her experience also includes defending financial institutions from claims and counterclaims alleging lender liability based upon fraud, breach of contract, and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

In the area of trusts and estates litigation, Ms. Reckord's experience encompasses will contests based upon lack of mental capacity and undue influence, the prosecution and defense of applications for the disqualification of executors and trustees, the attack and defense of prenuptial agreements, and claims involving a spouse's right to an elective share of an estate. Her work in the area of family law includes

Departments

Family Law
Litigation

Practice Groups

Banking & Financial Services
Litigation
Construction Disputes
Real Estate Brokerage

Education

Seton Hall University School
of Law, J.D., *magna cum
laude*, 2006
Fairleigh Dickinson University,
B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2001

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 2006
U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey, 2006
New York, 2008
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third
Circuit, 2018

Clerkships

Former law clerk to The
Honorable Madeline Cox
Arleo, United States
Magistrate Judge

matters related to divorce, alimony, child support, equitable distribution, custody and parenting time, as well as post-judgment modification and enforcement.

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HONORS & AWARDS

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Commercial Litigation practice area (2024)
- Selected for inclusion by *NJBIZ* in 2023 on a list called "Leaders in Law"
- Litigation Counsel of America Fellow
- Recipient of a 2023 Peter Perlman Service Award from the Litigation Counsel of America
- Construction Lawyers Society of America Fellow
- Selected for inclusion by the *New Jersey Law Journal* on the 2022 list of "Women Lawyers of the Year," the publication's annual listing of female attorneys making an impact at a law firm, in-house legal department, government agency or public interest organization in New Jersey
- Selected for inclusion by the *New Jersey Law Journal* on the 2016 list of "New Leaders of the Bar," the publication's annual listing of outstanding attorneys under the age of 40 and practicing in New Jersey
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.) (2017)
- Listed in *Super Lawyers - New Jersey Rising Stars* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Business Litigation practice area (2013 - 2018)
- Order of the Coif
- Whipple Scholar at Seton Hall University School of Law (2005 – 2006)

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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- Represented a condominium association in a suit against the developer and various contractors for construction defects and failure to properly capitalize the association.
- Represented a developer in a suit against a contractor for breach of contract for failing to comply with the design specifications and drawings of the project
- Represented unit owners against a condominium association for damages to the unit caused by the common elements

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- Represented a municipality against contractors in connection with a collapsed highway
- Represented a lender in connection with enforcement of commercial loans and mortgages, and defense of lender liability counterclaims and defenses, resulting in full recovery including litigation costs and attorney's fees
- Representation of financial services clients in connection with environmental claims arising out of mortgage transactions and Other Real Estate Owned properties
- Representing a major bank, successfully defended a case which resulted in the first published opinion under New Jersey's Elder Financial Abuse Statute. The plaintiff filed suit against the bank and its employee alleging that the statute required financial institutions to report suspicions of elder abuse to state authorities. At trial, the Court determined that the statute imposes no duty on financial institutions to make such reports, and that the statute provided no private cause of action against financial institutions for failing to make such a report
- Represented the plaintiff, a leading developer of residential properties, in litigation related to a multi-million dollar real estate deal. Ms. Reckord's work on the matter involved a successful application to the Appellate Division regarding the pre-mature grant of summary judgment for the defendants by the trial court, which resulted in a reversal
- Represented an insurance brokerage firm in litigation related to an exclusive insurance agency agreement. This case involved both injunctive relief in the District Court of New Jersey and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and a 9-figure damages claim in arbitration
- Successfully defended a leading auto finance lender in a class action litigation regarding its actions in connection with the repossession of vehicles. The case involved technical claims under the Uniform Commercial Code, Consumer Fraud Act and Truth in Consumer Contract Warranty and Notice Act

UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Construction Law Section, Co-Chair; Board of Trustees and past Chair
- Trial Attorneys of New Jersey: Vice President; Secretary/Treasurer (2022); Amicus Committee Co-Chair (2022)
- Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- American Bar Association; Litigation Section; Forum on Construction Law
- *Seton Hall Law Review* (former Comments Editor)
- Former intern, Civil Litigation Clinic of the Center for Social Justice, Seton Hall University School of Law

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Co-Moderator, AI in Construction Law: Managing Risks and Opportunities

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, February 6, 2024

Speaker, Eliminating Gender Bias and Stereotypes in the Legal Workplace

Sponsor: *Lorman Education Services*, June 28, 2022

Presenter, Diversity & Inclusion in the Legal Profession

Sponsor: *Trial Attorneys of New Jersey*, July 29, 2020

Presenter, Eliminating Gender Bias and Stereotypes in the Legal Workplace

Sponsor: *Lorman Education Services*, August 8, 2019

Moderator/Panelist, Insights into 2020: The Impact Women Will Have on the Next Election and Judicial Appointments

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, May 15, 2019

Presenter, REALTOR® Palooza

Sponsor: *New Jersey REALTORS®*, September 21, 2018

Panelist, Recovering Assets in Commercial Litigation: Analyzing Trends and Legal Theories

Sponsor: *The Knowledge Group*, January 23, 2018

Presenter, Forced Into Federal Court: What to Do and How to Do It

Sponsor: *Haydn Proctor Inn of Court*, March 1, 2017

Panelist, 2015 Women's Bench Bar Conference

Sponsor: *NJSBA Women in the Profession Section; International Justice Project; Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP; Monmouth University Leon Hess School of Business*, November 10, 2015

Moderator, Recent Developments Affecting Women in the Workplace

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2015

Moderator, Human Trafficking

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2015

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Author, NJ Supreme Court Ruling Addresses Enforceability of Arbitration Clauses in Construction Defect Disputes Involving Direct Claims Against a Judgment Debtor's Insurer

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, September 8, 2022

Author, Lender's Violation of Fair Foreclosure Act May Support a Claim under the New Jersey Truth-In-Consumer Contract Warranty and Notice Act

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, October 2018

Co-Author, New Jersey Supreme Court Ruling May Significantly Limit Class Actions Claims Under Truth-in-Consumer Contract, Warranty and Notice Act

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, May 2018

Co-Author, United States Supreme Court Issues Ruling Regarding Treatment of Pregnant Employees

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, March 2015

Law Requiring Posting of Updated Gender-Equity Notice Is Now In Effect in New Jersey

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, January 2014

Co-Author, ABCs of the Paid Family Leave Act

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, Winter 2008

Author, Limiting the Expansion of the Public Trust Doctrine in New Jersey: A Way to Protect and Preserve the Rights of Private Ownership

Seton Hall Law Review, 2006

NEWS

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Recognized for Business Excellence by Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce

October 13, 2023

Stephanie G. Reckord Recognized by Litigation Counsel of America with Peter Perlman Service Award

September 15, 2023

2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition

August 17, 2023

Stephanie G. Reckord Installed as a Vice President of Trial Attorneys of New Jersey

June 16, 2023

Four Greenbaum Women Attorneys Assume New Leadership Roles in New Jersey State Bar Association

May 31, 2023

Sean R. McGowan & Stephanie G. Reckord Recognized by *NJBIZ* on 2023 List Called "Leaders in Law"

April 12, 2023

Stephanie G. Reckord Installed as Secretary/Treasurer of Trial Attorneys of New Jersey

October 13, 2022

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Stephanie G. Reckord Invited to Fellowship in Construction Lawyers Society of America
September 8, 2022

Stephanie G. Reckord Named Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America
June 1, 2022