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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LAW FIRM OF DAVISON EASTMAN MUNOZ PAONE, P.A.

IMPRESSIVE 20% OF FIRM'S ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AS 2024 SUPER LAWYERS®

- Firm announces five (5) Thomson Reuters™ 2024 Super Lawyers®
- Firm welcomes new partner, Brian W. Keatts, Esq.
- Attorney Christopher Olszak Named Chair of Firm's Tax & Estate Planning Group
- Attorney Timothy Moriarty Named Chair of Firm's Business Law & Litigation Group
- Doug Widman, Esq. Saves Clients Time and Money with Mediation
- Dennis Galvin Esq. Named "Trustee At Large" with NJILGA
- Attorney Christina Hardman-O'Neal Joins NJ State Bar Continuing Education Panel
- Michael Connolly, Esq. Preserves Appellate Win in NJ Supreme Court
- DEMP Attorneys Visit 55+ Community, Share Tax, Estate Insights

Per [Super Lawyers.com](https://www.superlawyers.com), "Super Lawyers selects attorneys using a patented multiphase selection process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with independent research.

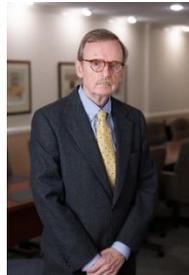
Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis. The objective is to create a credible, comprehensive, and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource for attorneys and consumers searching for legal counsel."

The law firm of [Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A.](https://www.davisoneastmanmunozpaone.com) is proud to announce five (5) of its 20+ attorneys have achieved [Thomson Reuters 2024 Super Lawyers](https://www.superlawyers.com) recognition (each of whom are multi-year recipients).

2024

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REAL ESTATE (20 YEAR SUPER LAWYER)	BUSINESS LITIGATION (13 YEAR SUPER LAWYER)	ELDER LAW (13 YEAR SUPER LAWYER)	LAND USE & ZONING (13 YEAR SUPER LAWYER)	BUSINESS LITIGATION (13 YEAR SUPER LAWYER)
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Managing principal [James A. Paone, II, Esq.](https://www.davisoneastmanmunozpaone.com) commented, "We are proud of these recognitions and honored to be acknowledged by Super Lawyers and our peers. We thank Thomson Reuters and we look forward to continuing to provide legal excellence for our clients."



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PARTNER CHRISTOPHER D. OLSZAK, ESQ. NAMED CHAIR OF FIRM'S TAX, TRUSTS & ESTATES PLANNING GROUP



[Christopher D. Olszak, Esq.](#)
 Partner

Partner attorney [Christopher D. Olszak](#) has been named Chair of the firm's Tax, Trusts & Estates Planning Group.

The group is comprised of specialized elder law and estate planning attorneys offering the full spectrum of financial services for individuals, businesses, professionals, and more.

Chris is a multi-year Certified Elder Law Attorney by the American Bar Association, approved by the National Elder Law Foundation. Chris has been recognized annually as a Super Lawyer™ by Thomson Reuters® since 2012 and conducts public speaking engagements throughout Monmouth and Ocean County on a regular basis.

ATTORNEY TIMOTHY C. MORIARTY APPOINTED AS CHAIR OF FIRM'S BUSINESS LAW & LITIGATION GROUP

Partner attorney [Timothy C. Moriarty](#) has been appointed Chair of the firm's Business Law & Litigation Group.

Offering innovative, collaborative, practical and thorough corporate law services throughout the State of New Jersey, the firm's Business Law & Litigation group provides, among other legal services:

- Arbitration & Mediation
- Business Formation
- Commercial Real Estate
- Contracts & Review
- Employment Law
- General Counsel
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Regulatory Matters
- Transactional



[Timothy C. Moriarty, Esq.](#)
 Partner

Tim has 20+ years of broad and extensive trial experience, handling a wide variety of actions from breach of contract to complex commercial litigation to securities violations, RICO claims, and more. Tim is a multi-year Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Rated Gold Client Champion for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability.

PARTNER CHRISTINA HARDMAN-O'NEAL, ESQ. JOINS NJ STATE BAR ASSOCIATION - ICLE PANEL



[Christina Hardman-O'Neal, Esq.](#)
 Partner

Firm partner [Christina Hardman-O'Neal, Esq.](#) joined a New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) "continuing legal education" (CLE) panel this past January, "Judicial Accountings in the Probate Part."

The NJBIA event topics included: NJ judicial accounting procedures in the probate part, court rules, statutes, and case law – relevant to a probate attorney's practice.

A member of the firm's Tax, Trusts & Estate Planning group, Christina's legal practice includes estate and trust planning, special needs trusts, elder law, administration, guardianships as well as Probate and Chancery litigation.



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FIRM WELCOMES NEW ATTORNEY BRIAN W. KEATTS TO THE BUSINESS LAW & LITIGATION GROUP



Brian W. Keatts, Esq.
Partner

Davison Eastman Muñoz Paone, P.A. is pleased to announce the addition of [Brian W. Keatts, Esq.](#) to its Business Law & Litigation Group.

A New Jersey native, Brian brings over 20 years experience across multiple state and federal jurisdictions to the firm. He has represented clients across a wide range of industries, including construction, environmental, energy, business, commercial real estate, banking, insurance, and government sectors.

Brian received his Bachelor of Arts from Ohio State University and his Juris Doctorate from New York Law School.

Welcome aboard, Brian!

PARTNER DENNIS M. GALVIN, ESQ. NAMED “TRUSTEE AT LARGE” WITH NJILGA



The New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys (NJILGA) has named [Dennis M. Galvin, Esq.](#) a “Trustee at Large” for the organization.

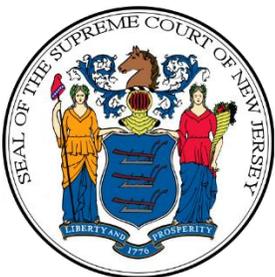
An affiliate of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, per [NJILGA.org](#), “NJILGA was established in 1951 for the purpose of promoting education and professionalism among local government attorneys, and to assist members of the legal profession to better serve local governments in NJ.”

“It is my privilege to serve New Jersey and its municipalities and members of NJILGA and I am thankful to share my career experiences.” mentioned Dennis Galvin, Esq.



Dennis M. Galvin, Esq.
Partner

FIRM PRESERVES TRIAL & APPELLATE WINS IN SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY



The [New Jersey Law Journal](#) recently recognized Davison Eastman Muñoz Paone, P.A. for successfully representing a client in a case involving the cancellation of a real estate contract: attorney [Michael Connolly](#) represented the sellers of a residential property.

The sellers rejected a proposed contract for the sale of their property in favor of another offer which was nearly \$700,000 more than the first proposal. The unsuccessful first bidders’ lawsuit was premised upon the claim that the sellers failed to validly terminate the first contract because the proposed buyers’ attorney was told of the cancellation by a telephone call but did not receive a written notice of termination during the three-day attorney review period.



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Michael convinced the trial court to dismiss the lawsuit. In doing so, Michael successfully argued that an existing ruling by the Supreme Court of New Jersey supported the conclusion that the contract was validly terminated and that it was otherwise fair and equitable to allow the sellers to accept the higher offer after given actual, undisputed, and timely notice of cancellation to the initial bidders.

After winning at trial, Michael then defended the ruling before the Appellate Division where the matter also drew the participation by both the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) and the New Jersey Realtors (NJR). The Appellate Division also ruled in Michael's favor in a unanimous ruling.



[Michael J. Connolly, Esq.](#)
Of Counsel



In their 3rd and final effort, the unsuccessful bidders then turned to the Supreme Court of New Jersey, requesting that the High Court hear the case and overturn the ruling of the Appellate Division. Michael opposed the 1st bidders' request and was successful a 3rd and final time. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case thereby preserving the victories at both trial and on appeal.

PARTNER DOUG WIDMAN, ESQ. SECURES SETTLEMENT, SAVES COURTS AND CLIENTS TIME AND MONEY



[Douglas J. Widman, Esq.](#)
Partner

Arbitrator and Rule 1:40 Qualified Mediator, [Doug J. Widman, Esq.](#) was recently assigned a commercial arbitration matter by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Using his experience as a mediator, Doug was able to narrow the issues and settle the six-figure matter during the arbitration hearing, thus saving the parties time and legal fees by not having to proceed with costly litigation and arbitration.



If you have a matter you believe may be suitable for mediation, please contact us today.

DEMP ATTORNEYS VISIT AGE 55+ COMMUNITY ~ SHARE TAX, ESTATE PLANNING, HOA INSIGHTS

Two firm attorneys, [Christopher J. Olszak](#) and [Zach J. Styczynski](#), presented to a packed Renaissance at Cranbury of Monroe, NJ community center room one evening this past Winter 2024.

Chris Olszak discussed Tax, Wills, Estate Planning legal insights and Zach Styczynski shared insights specific to the community's Homeowners Association (HOA).



Many of our firm's attorneys speak throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ. If you have interest in one of our attorneys speaking at an event, please contact us today.

