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Per BestLawyers.com, “Recognition by *Best Lawyers* is based entirely on peer review. Our process is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice.”

Two (2) named partners of the law firm of Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A. have been recognized as *Best Lawyers in America*® 2025.



Commented Mr. Paone, “Ed and I are proud to receive the annual *Best Lawyers in America* recognition. We strive to deliver legal excellence for our clients and it rewarding to be recognized for our dedication to the firm’s core principals. We thank *Best Lawyers* and congratulate the attorneys recognized this year.”

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WILLS, TAX & ESTATES GROUP IN THE COMMUNITY



One of multiple speaking events this Spring and Summer, firm partners [Christina Hardman-O'Neal](#) and [Blake Laurence](#) conducted a standing-room-only *Lunch & Learn* event at a Monmouth County 55+ community this August.

The firm conducts free speaking engagements and events regularly throughout Monmouth and Ocean County, sharing information on topics including:

- Wills, Power of Attorney
- Estate Planning and Administration
- Trusts, Gift Giving, Taxes and more...

Attorney Blake Laurence: "We enjoy visiting communities and sharing information. Wills, taxes and trusts can be very complicated and helping people achieve their personal goals is what we're all about."



[Blake R. Laurence, Esq.](#)
Partner



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

MULTIPLE ATTORNEYS SECURE MONMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION SECURE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS



Per MonmouthBarAssociation.com, "Founded in 1908 to assist attorneys and the public in Monmouth County. Twenty years ago the association had 300 members and, as of today, is made up of 1,300 members."

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PARTNER ATTORNEY ANDREW J. BALL JOINS EXPERT PANEL WITH NJ STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



[Andrew J. Ball, Esq.](#)

Partner

Partner [Andrew Ball, Esq.](#) joined a panel of attorneys this past July for a New Jersey State Bar Association-sanctioned NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE) presentation titled, “Hot Topics in Local Government.”

A municipal attorney by practice, Andy presented on the topic of First Amendment issues related to signage and billboards.



PARTNER ATTORNEY DENNIS M. GALVIN DELIVERS PRESENTATION TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NJAPZA



On behalf of the New Jersey Association of Planning and Zoning Administrators (NJAPZA), partner [Dennis Galvin](#) delivered a “Zoning Gremlins” presentation to a Rutgers University audience this past June.



[Dennis M. Galvin, Esq.](#)

Partner

A land use, municipal law, and commercial real estate attorney, Mr. Galvin’s presentation included:

- A story about a building that was constructed without any permits.
- *Malanga v. West Orange*: there must be substantial evidence to support a finding that a building is obsolete.
- Explained that all zoning enforcement actions flow from NJSA 40:55D-18.



FIRM DONATES “1855 MAP” OF DOWNTOWN FREEHOLD TO BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, NJ



Surveyor map of downtown Freehold, NJ, circa 1855

“Surveyed and Published by Ezra A. Osborn Surveyor & Conveyancer, Middletown NJ and Thomas A. Hurley Freehold NJ, 1855,” firm co-founder [Edward C. Eastman, Esq.](#) presented the [Borough of Freehold, NJ](#) with a historic depiction of downtown Freehold, NJ to open the Borough’s regular governing body meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024.



(L to R): [Mr. Edward C. Eastman, Esq.](#); Borough of Freehold Mayor Kevin A. Kane.



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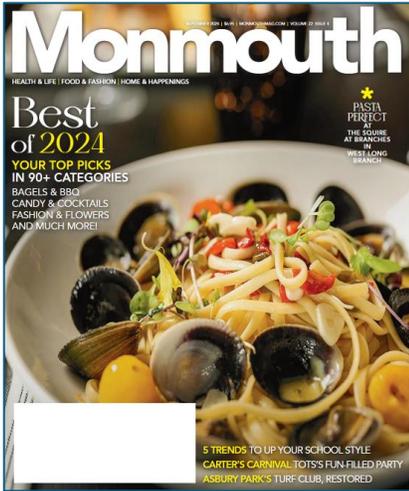
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(L to R): Partner [Blake R. Laurence, Esq.](#); Partner [Christina Hardman-O'Neal, Esq.](#); Partner [Anne Marie Mazzu, Esq.](#); Partner [Christopher D. Olszak, Esq.](#)

FIRM MEMBERS DISPLAY THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION ALMA-MATTER COLORS



Some firm attorneys and staff gather with their "college colors" on National College Colors Day, 2024. (L to R): [Director of Marketing Ian Singer](#); [Associate Zack Styczynski, Esq.](#), [Managing Partner Jim Paone, Esq.](#); [Paralegal Meghna Gajjar](#); [Paralegal Jillian Walker](#); [Of Counsel Michael Connolly, Esq.](#); [CFO / COO Karen Sargent, CPA](#); [Paralegal Louise Haas](#)



Every year since 2004, the "Friday before Labor Day" has been deemed National College Colors Day.

The law firm of Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A. has some impressive graduate and undergraduate alumni credentials including (in compiled order): Boston College, Catholic University, College of New Jersey, University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Illinois, University of Miami, New York University, University of Dayton, Westminster College, Douglas College, Fordham University, American University, Rider University, Vermont Law School, Muhlenberg College, Ohio State University, University of Richmond, Rutgers University, University of Edinburgh, Seton Hall University, Syracuse University, Temple University, Trinity College, Villanova University, Washington & Lee University, West Virginia University, and Widener University.



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