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## FOUR (4) ATTORNEYS OF DAVISON EASTMAN MUNOZ PAONE, P.A. SELECTED FOR INCLUSION AS THOMSON REUTERS' 2025 SUPER LAWYERS®

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Four (4) attorneys of the law firm of [Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A.](https://www.respondlaw.com) have been selected for inclusion in Thomson Reuters' 2025 Super Lawyers®.

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JAMES A. PAONE, II, ESQ.	DENNIS M. GALVIN, ESQ.	CHRISTOPHER D. OLSZAK, ESQ.	ZACHARY J. STYCZYNSKI, ESQ.
MANAGING PARTNER	PARTNER	PARTNER	ATTORNEY
			
2025 SUPER LAWYER	2025 SUPER LAWYER	2025 SUPER LAWYER	2025 RISING STAR
Business Litigation	Land Use / Zoning	Elder Law	Business Litigation
14x SUPER LAWYER	13x SUPER LAWYER	11x SUPER LAWYER	1 <sup>ST</sup> RECOGNITION

Managing partner [James A. Paone, II, Esq.](https://www.respondlaw.com) stated, "We are proud of these recognitions and honored to be acknowledged by Super Lawyers and our peers. We thank Thomson Reuters and look forward to continuing to provide legal excellence for our clients."



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**PARTNER DENNIS M. GALVIN, ESQ. SERVES AS “MOCK JUDGE” IN ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL TRIAL COMPETITION**



Partner [Dennis Galvin, Esq.](#) served as a “mock Judge” this past February in 2025 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

Sponsored and in cooperation with the New Jersey State Bar Association ([NJSBA](#)), Dennis received matter briefs in advance and then heard from aspiring law students on a courtroom floor of the Monmouth County Superior Courthouse.



Partner [Dennis M. Galvin, Esq.](#) serves as ‘Mock Judge’ during 2025 high school trial competition

“The students were very professional. They brought excellent arguments and were solid presenters. It was my pleasure to participate in this competition and I suspect I’ll see many of them practicing law before too long.” advised Dennis Galvin, Esq.

**PARTNER BRIAN KEATTS, ESQ. JOINS JERSEY SHORE PARTNERSHIP BOARD of DIRECTORS**



[Brian W. Keatts, Esq.](#)  
 Partner

[JerseyShorePartnership.com](#) is “a not-for-profit non-partisan organization as a result of the 1991 devastating Halloween storm with the mission to guarantee that state and federal funding would be available to protect New Jersey’s 127 miles of coastal shoreline from the damages that storms can inflict.”

A partner in Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A.’s Business Law and Litigation department, attorney [Brian Keatts](#)’ experience includes serving as special counsel for the State of New Jersey Environmental Protection (DEP). Brian has provided counsel to interstate project planning, construction, private utilities, government agencies and more.



**PARTNER ANNE MARIE MAZZU, ESQ. PRESENTS TO DOUGLASS COLLEGE, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, ALUMNAE**



[Anne Marie Mazzu, Esq.](#) recently presented “Is Your House In Order: Estate Planning and Administration” at the 2025 Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, Rutgers University, Women’s Conference.

Anne Marie focuses her practice in estate planning and administration, taxation and assists clients in developing estate plans which includes wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and living wills.

Anne Marie received her Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law and her LL.M. in taxation from New York University School of Law. She received her B.A. from Douglass College, Rutgers University, and is a member of the Douglass College Gift Planning Committee.



Partner [Anne Marie Mazzu, Esq.](#) speaks at Associate Alumnae of Douglass College annual Women’s Conference, March 2025



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**PARTNER DOUG WIDMAN, ESQ. RE-CERTIFIED AS FEDERAL MEDIATION ATTORNEY**

Partner [Douglas J. Widman, Esq.](#) has been designated as a certified Federal Mediation Attorney by the United States District Court of New Jersey. Doug's legal practice includes business law and litigation, estate planning, and mediation / arbitration.



A lifetime resident of New Jersey, Doug earned his Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law. His career accomplishments include serving as Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey with the Division of Criminal Justice, where he represented NJ in criminal and civil actions brought by State agencies involving organized crime, political corruption, and drug diversions.



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

**Partner**

Over the course of his career, Doug has successfully mediated hundreds of cases and is listed as a "mentor" to prospective New Jersey Superior Court mediators.

**PARTNER ATTORNEY JAMES (JAY) MCGOVERN, JR. CELEBRATES FIFTY (50) YEARS OF LEGAL EXCELLENCE**

A true son of Monmouth County (NJ), [Jay McGovern, Esq.](#) graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School in Port Monmouth and Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft (NJ).

After receiving his B.A. from Westminster College (PA) in 1971, Jay knew he wanted a career in the law. Jay received his Juris Doctorate with highest honors from the University of Illinois, Chicago Law School in 1975.

He returned to his home state of NJ and soon became a lead prosecutor, trying major crimes cases involving drug possession and distribution, official corruption and homicides.

In 1988, Jay received the distinction of being Certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as both a Civil and Criminal Trial Lawyer.



**2018: [James McGovern, Jr. Esq.](#) elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross Jersey Coast Chapter**

In 1998, Jay joined Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A. and has since represented varied businesses and their owners, shareholders and executives in sales, buyouts and valuations. He has closed commercial transactions in industries ranging from the supermarket industry to defense contractors.

Through his career, Jay has been elected a Trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association where he served for six years then was appointed to the New Jersey State Prosecutorial and Judicial Appointments Committee which is charged with the review and approval of all judges and prosecutors appointed throughout the State of New Jersey.



**1991 - 1992: [James McGovern, Jr. Esq.](#) (left) is sworn in as president, Monmouth Bar Association**



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**SPRING 2025**

Jay has lectured on ethics matters and commercial litigation to Bar Associations, young lawyers as part of the Skills and Methods Course and through the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He has also lectured at the annual ethics training seminar for the Office of Attorney Ethics. In 2023, Jay was awarded the Abraham J. Zager Professionalism Award by the Monmouth (NJ) Bar Association.

Jay served as president of the Monmouth Bar Association; he is a 15-time Thomson Reuters Super Lawyer®; and Jay is currently Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Director of Philanthropy of the American Red Cross Central New Jersey Chapter.

***Congratulations, Jay!***



2023: (L to R) [James McGovern, Jr. Esq.](#) accepts Monmouth Bar Association annual Abraham J. Zager Professionalism Award from [James A. Paone, II, Esq.](#)

**SUPER BOWL LIX: ATTORNEYS AND STAFF 'TAILGATE LUNCH' IN ADVANCE OF NFL TITLE GAME WEEKEND**



L to R: Blake Laurence, Esq.; Doug Widman, Esq.; Christopher Olszak, Esq.; Brian Chabarek, Esq.; James Paone, II, Esq.



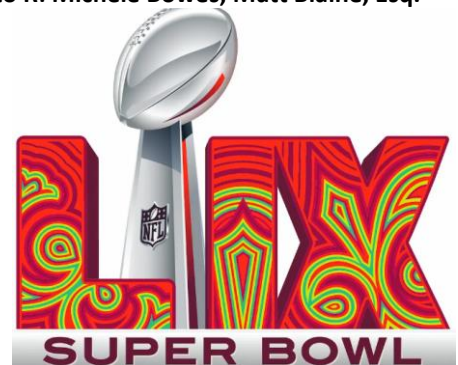
L to R: Marie Illuzzi; Ashley Guadagno



L to R: Michele Bowes; Matt Blaine, Esq.



L to R: Andy Ball, Esq.; Rajeev Venkat, Esq.; Zack Styczynski, Esq.; Christina Hardman-O'Neal, Esq.; Meghna Gajjar; Louise Haas



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**PARTNER ALAN POLINER, ESQ. SECURES CLIENT'S DEPOSIT FROM PROPERTY SELLER**



[Alan L. Poliner, Esq.](#)  
*Partner*

Partner [Alan Poliner, Esq.](#) recently obtained a six-figure settlement for a buyer in a Real Estate transaction that went bad.

The dispute concerned the return of a large deposit for a property purchase. The seller refused to return the deposit, claiming contractual contingencies were met.

Mr. Poliner investigated and found defective title and misrepresentations by the seller. The matter settled less than a month after serving a lawsuit.



**FIRM WELCOMES ELIZABETH M. TROTTIER, ESQ. TO EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS LAW GROUP**

The law firm of Davison Eastman Munoz Paone, P.A. is pleased to announce [Elizabeth M. Trottier, Esq.](#) has joined its employment and business law group.

Through her career, Liz has gained practice in a wide range of matters including employment, personal injury, consumer fraud, construction and real estate disputes, probate and estate administration, guardianships and more.

Ms. Trottier received her Bachelor of Arts from College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA and her Juris Doctorate in law and Master of Arts degree from Seton Hall University and Seton Hall Law School.



[Elizabeth M. Trottier, Esq.](#)  
*Counsel*

*Welcome to the firm, Liz!*

**FIRM CONTINUES MUNICIPAL PRACTICE GROWTH WITH ADDITION TO CLIENT PORTFOLIO**



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

Partner [Andrew Ball, Esq.](#) has been named Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Keyport, NJ.

Situated in northern Monmouth County, Keyport is a waterfront community that sits along the Raritan Bay and carries the nickname, "Pearl of the Bayshore."



A lifetime resident of Monmouth County, Andy has been actively involved in NJ municipal law for over a dozen years. Mr. Ball has amassed municipal law experience serving NJ communities including Freehold Township, Summit, Highlands and more.



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