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Clients rely on Rahil (RJ) Darbar, a Principal in Porzio's Wealth Preservation Group, for compassionate advocacy and personalized guidance through challenging estate and trust disputes. He represents a broad range of clients who object to provisions contained in a decedent's will or who have been damaged by the administration of a trust or estate in which they have an interest. Clients also rely on Rahil when they are faced with a crisis and need immediate and emergent relief through litigation. Rahil prides himself on having a mastery over the procedural nuances in the Chancery and Probate Courts throughout the State of New Jersey and has filed emergent applications in nearly all 21 counties. He has litigated claims concerning:

- Challenges to the validity of a will due to undue influence over the testator, lack of capacity of the testator, or defective execution of the will;
- Accounting proceedings to defend or challenge the management of an estate or trust;
- Contested guardianship proceedings to determine whether a guardian is needed and/or who should serve in that capacity;
- Fiduciary removal proceedings to remove an executor, trustee, or guardian due to incompetence or misconduct;
- Obtaining temporary and preliminary injunctive relief when substantial assets of clients are at risk of being misused or diluted.

Rahil employs a practical and cost-effective approach to every matter and directs the litigation to achieve the specific goals demanded by his clients. When matters cannot be resolved through settlement, Rahil is prepared to go to trial and has obtained favorable decisions for his clients through jury and bench trials.

Rahil's experience with probate litigation gives him a unique and advantageous perspective in planning for the Firm's individual and business clients. He tailors estate plans and provides guidance to high net worth clients and families who seek to reduce and limit future litigation.

He maintains strong ties to the South Asian community and is the VP of Programming for the South Asian Bar Association of North America. He is a Past President of the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey and Co-Chair of its Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee. He is also a Barrister of the Justice Morris Pashman Inn of Court in Bergen County, an organization dedicated to the continued development of trial lawyers.

Recognitions

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- New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law - Professional Lawyer of the Year, SABA-NJ (2020)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* - Commercial Litigation (2021-2025)
- New Jersey Super Lawyers® (2027)

Memberships

- South Asian Bar Association of North America - Vice President of Programming
- South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey - Co-Chair, Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee; Past President (2020)
- District Ethics Committee for East Morris and Sussex Counties (District XA) - Former member
- Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project (BWLAP) – Pro Bono Volunteer Attorney
- Legal Services of Northwest Jersey – Pro Bono Volunteer Attorney
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Justice Morris Pashman Inn of Court
- Morris County Chamber of Commerce
- Leadership Morris - Alumni

News

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- 22 Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Attorneys Named to 2027 New Jersey Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars® Lists, 11/16/2026
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Announces 2025 Promotions, 7/01/2025
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Becomes Designated Custodian of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP's Estate Planning Documents, 5/07/2025
- 26 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 Edition*; 6 Listed as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®*, 8/15/2024
- Rahil Darbar Sworn in as Vice President of Programming for the Executive Committee of the South Asian Bar Association of North America, 7/16/2024

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- 27 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®*; *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®*, 8/17/2023
- 24 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers ® in America, 2023 Edition, 8/18/2022
- Porzio Bromberg & Newman Receives "Law Firm of the Year" Award by SABA-NJ, 10/04/2021
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Recognized at 2021 New Jersey Law Journal Legal Awards, 9/24/2021
- Congratulations To The 23 Porzio Attorneys Recognized In Best Lawyers® In America, 2022, 8/19/2021
- Porzio's Wealth Preservation Group Expands Practice with the Addition of Three New Attorneys, 6/17/2021
- RJ Darbar Receives a 2020 Professional Lawyer of the Year Award, 11/13/2020
- Porzio Announces Principal and Counsel Promotions, 9/01/2020
- Porzio Congratulates Rahil Darbar, South Asian Bar of New Jersey's 2020 President, 1/08/2020
- Two Porzio Attorneys Apointed to SABA-NJ Executive Board, 1/04/2019
- Rahil Darbar Appointed as Vice President of SABA-NJ's Executive Board, 1/10/2018
- Porzio's Litigation Department Volunteers for Homeless Solutions, 8/02/2017
- Porzio Welcomes Associate Rahil Darbar to the Litigation Team, 12/12/2016

Articles

- 2027 Federal Tax Numbers: What the New Figures Mean for Your Plan, 11/16/2026
- Practical Considerations for Presenting Deposition Testimony at Trial, 6/03/2021
- New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure 2019, Chapter 11 on Motion Practice, Fall 2019

Speaking Engagements

- “The Sandwich Generation: Balancing Childcare, Elder Care,” South Asian Bar Association (SABA) North America, 10/26/2026
- "Practical Considerations for Counseling Clients on Potential Probate Litigation," Porzio's Wealth Preservation Symposium, 1/29/2025
- "Panelist, Stop AAPI Hate: Bystander and Legal Intervention Webinar", 3/26/2021
- Moderated panel discussion with New Jersey's political leadership, 4/17/2020
- "The Impact of COVID-19 on Major Practice Areas," Webcast, 4/03/2020

Practices

- Wealth Preservation

Representative Matters

Rahil's recent set of professional accomplishments include:

- Completed a bench trial to a favorable verdict in Middlesex County Chancery Division, Probate Part, where he advocated for the second wife of a Decedent being sued by Decedent's two children from the first marriage, over substantial probate and non-probate assets.
- Obtained a favorable verdict after a six day bench trial in Hudson County Chancery Division, Probate Part, where he successfully defended a former executor of an Estate from claims of fiduciary breach and mismanagement.
- Has obtained numerous temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctive relief for his clients where a fiduciary has engaged in financial improprieties or mismanagement of assets.
- Garnered a dismissal of products liability claims for a major retailer of workout equipment arising out of catastrophic injuries sustained by the Plaintiff under the doctrine of Forum Non Conveniens and failure to join an indispensable party under R. 4:6-2(f). Plaintiff appealed and Mr. Darbar prepared the opposition brief that resulted in a successful affirmation of the trial court's decision. *Nikirk v. ConducTV Brands*, No. A-1217-19T3 (App. Div. February 4, 2021).
- Served as trial counsel in November 2019 for the world's second largest manufacturer of elevators in in a multi-million dollar construction defect litigation with over fifteen defendants and obtained a favorable settlement before a jury verdict.
- Acquired a complete dismissal of Consumer Fraud, Consumer Protection, and Breach of Contract claims for a family owned and operated pool manufacturer. *Hamrahi v. Carlton Pools, Inc.*, ESX-L-8628-17 (Law Div. September 20, 2019).
- Obtained dismissal of anti-trust, RICO, fraud, and privacy claims for the world's largest social media company in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. *Shulman, d/b/a Advances Magazine v. Facebook. et als.*, 2018 WL 3344236 (D.N.J. 2018).

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 2010
- New York, 2011

Court Admissions

- United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 2012
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2014
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 2014

Education

- *Seton Hall Law School*
  J.D., 2010

Chancellor Scholar; Quarterfinalist in Eugene Gressman Moot Court Competition; Best Oral Advocate in Appellate Advocacy

- *Lehigh University*
  B.A. in Psychology & History, 2007
  magna cum laude; Phi Eta Sigma; Honors Fraternity Dean's List

Languages

- Gujarati
- Hindi