

# Porzio, Bromberg & Newman's Representation Featured in NJ.com Coverage of Jackson Township Police Lawsuit Aftermath

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Porzio, Bromberg & Newman played a key role in the legal dispute which led to Jackson Township's \$2 million settlement with former Police Chief Matthew Kunz. The lawsuit, filed in late 2024, alleged that township actions — including the creation of a public safety director position filled by a lieutenant — unlawfully undermined the chief's authority.

Subsequent NJ.com coverage highlighted post-settlement developments, including publication of a letter from Porzio Managing Principal and Co-Chair of the Litigation Practice Group Vito Gagliardi, who represents the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and warned municipal officials of the perils of their proposed course of action, as well as a previously undisclosed memo from the township attorney acknowledging the accuracy of the risks raised in Gagliardi's letter. The reporting provides additional context around the governance and command-structure issues raised in the resulting lawsuit, in which Porzio also participated as counsel to the Chiefs Association, an amicus party in the case.

Porzio team members involved in the representation of the Chiefs Association include Gagliardi, along with David Disler and Thomas Reilly, both counsel to the firm.