

33 Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® 2027, Including Two "Lawyer of the Year" Recipients

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In addition to these individual recognitions, Rachel Parisi and Alvin Weiss earned the distinction of Newark Area "Lawyer of the Year" for 2027 in Litigation - Bankruptcy and Arbitration, respectively. The honor is awarded to a single attorney in each practice area and geographic region based on the highest overall peer feedback received during Best Lawyers' rigorous evaluation process.

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- Lisa M. Bromberg – Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental
- Roy Alan Cohen – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
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- Joseph G. Dolan – Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- Crystal West Edwards – Elder Law; Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates

- John M. Elias – Trusts and Estates
- Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr. – Education Law; Litigation - Labor and Employment
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- William J. Hughes, Jr. – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
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- Jack L. Lintner – Appellate Practice; Arbitration; Mediation
- Warren J. Martin Jr. – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Brett S. Moore – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Joseph A. Paparo – Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Real Estate Law
- Rachel A. Parisi – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Michael L. Rich – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation - Real Estate
- Robert M. Schechter – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Tara J. Schellhorn – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Philip J. Siana – Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
- Thomas Spiesman – Environmental Law
- Charles J. Stoia – Commercial Litigation
- Alvin Weiss – Arbitration; Mediation
- Deirdre R. Wheatley-Liss – Corporate Law; Elder Law; Trusts and Estates
- Kerri A. Wright – Litigation - Labor and Employment

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- Rachel E. Fairley – Labor and Employment - Management
- Jennifer A. Kelliher – Commercial Litigation
- Weston J. Kulick – Education Law; Labor and Employment – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Christopher P. Mazza – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Thomas J. Reilly – Appellate Practice; Labor and Employment – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment

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