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Overview

John V. Mallon is a highly accomplished New Jersey civil trial attorney and insurance defense lawyer, certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney since 2001. As Chair of the firm's Defense Department, he leads a team of 15 attorneys handling matters involving automobile and premises liability, aviation, and insurance coverage disputes.

John has prepared hundreds of cases for trial in both state and federal courts and has tried more than 80 to verdict. His extensive litigation experience has earned him recognition from multiple professional organizations. He has been named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers® list in the area of Insurance Coverage every year since 2009. Martindale-Hubbell awarded him its highest AV® Preeminent peer review rating for ethical standards and legal ability—a distinction reserved for attorneys ranked at the highest level of professional excellence. John has also been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® in the area of Insurance Law. In 2016, the Hudson County Bar Association named him Civil Lawyer of the Year.

John's appellate experience includes defending numerous appeals on behalf of his clients. In *Buono v. Scalia*, he successfully argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court on the doctrine of parental immunity. In a matter of first impression, he persuaded the court that a parent's decision to allow a child to ride a bicycle during a neighborhood block party was a valid exercise of parental judgment, providing immunity from a negligent supervision claim. An active legal educator, John serves as a continuing legal education (CLE) speaker for organizations such as the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE), the New Jersey Defense Association (NJDA), and the New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ). John earned his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Scranton in 1988 and his Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law in 1994. He began his career with Allstate Insurance Company in 1988, gaining extensive experience across a wide range of insurance-related areas. Before joining Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC in 1997, he served as trial counsel for Allstate's legal department. John became a principal with the firm in January 2001. John has been an active member of the New Jersey Defense Association since 2013, serving on its Board of Directors and as President during the 2020–2021 term. He received the NJDA Attorney of the Year Award in 2024. He is also a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, where he chaired the Insurance Defense Committee from 2012 to 2014, and the Hudson County Bar Association, where he co-chairs the Civil Arbitration Selection Committee. John is also a proud member of DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar. In addition to his professional accomplishments, John is deeply involved in his community. He has served on his local zoning board and has volunteered for youth sports, including instructional soccer and Little League baseball and softball. John has been active in the Boy Scouts of America for more than two decades. As a Scout, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and he has served as an Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and Eagle Coach. **Lectures**

ICLE

Hot Topics for Civil Litigators	September, 2014
Bad Faith Cases	March, 2014
The Best Offense is to Know the Defense	May, 2008

NJSBA

Hot Topics in Torts	November, 2013
Hot Topics in Torts	November, 2008
Keys to Focusing and Developing Your Case	November, 2007

AAJ

Lessons I've Learned from Cases I Lost	November, 2012
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NJDA

Auto Liability Seminar	November, 2014
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Awards



Practice Areas

Aviation Law
Civil Defense Litigation
Defense

Education

Rutgers Law School, 1994 JD

University of Scranton, 1988 BA, cum laude

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

Professional Activities

The New Jersey Defense Association (Vice President 2013-2016, Director 2016-2018, President 2020-2021, Chairperson of the Board 2021-2022)

Hudson County Bar Association, Civil Practice Committee (2000-2005, 2021-Present)

Civil Arbitration Selection Committee 2005-Present (Co-Chair 2006-Present)

New Jersey State Bar Association, Chair, Insurance Defense Committee (2012-2014)

Certifications

Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney

Insights & News

Six CLM&C Attorneys Selected to 2026 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Recognizes Ten CLM&C Attorneys

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2025 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Recognizes Record Number of CLM&C Attorneys

CLM&C Defense Department Receives Honors and Speaks at 2024 NJDA Convention

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Nine CLM&C Attorneys Selected to 2023 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

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