



## Maria P. Vallejo

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## Overview

Maria P. Vallejo is a litigation and land-use attorney at Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, with extensive experience representing individual, corporate and public-entity clients in State and Federal Court. Concentrating on commercial litigation and public entity defense, she has successfully litigated breach-of-contract, shareholder dispute, construction, Constitutional law and employment/labor actions. In addition to her robust litigation practice, Maria also concentrates on representing private and corporate clients in all phases of land use, zoning and permitting matters, while serving as counsel to the South Bound Brook Planning/Zoning Board. Recognizing her clients' varied legal needs, Maria also negotiates and prepares business and commercial agreements, and counsels clientele on vendor/contractor agreements, labor and employment policies and practices, and business management. Characterized as a detail-oriented and ethically driven attorney, Maria takes an organized and vigilant, yet respectful style approach to defending and/or prosecuting her clients' positions, while effectively meeting and exceeding their expectations. Maria is an adjunct professor of law at Rutgers Law School, teaching land use law and practice. She is involved in a multitude of professional and charitable organizations, where she has gained recognition for her contributions and achievements. Maria proudly sits as the Past President of the Hudson County Bar Association ("HCBA"), where last year, she became the first Filipina-American president of the organization. This accomplishment is highlighted by the fact that Hudson County is home to one of the highest number of Filipino-American residents in the State. While at the HCBA, Maria sat on the Judicial Prosecutorial Action Committee ("JPAC"). Her strong commitment to diversity and improvement of the profession is evident in her leadership roles in the New Jersey State Bar Association ("NJSBA"), where this month she will be sworn in as a Trustee of the NJSBA. Simultaneously, she will remain the co-chair of the NJSBA Business and Commercial Litigation Section and a Director of the Land Use Section. Previously, she co-chaired the NJSBA's Diversity Committee for three years. She also was a former director of Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey ("APALA-NJ"), which she sat on its JPAC. Maria also is devoted to maintaining the integrity of the legal profession. The New Jersey Supreme Court appointed Maria to sit as a current member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee and previously appointed Maria to serve as the Secretary of the District VI Ethics Committee, where she was responsible for reviewing all grievances submitted against attorneys practicing in Hudson County and, when appropriate, docketing those investigations. Prior to practicing law, Maria worked as a business journalist for nearly 10 years, during which time her articles appeared in Dow Jones Newswires® and the Wall Street Journal. **Publications**

- Special Editor, NJ Lawyer Magazine, "What I Wish I Knew" Section of the Publication, **Dec. 2019-March 2021**
- Special Editor, NJ Lawyer Magazine, "Harassment" Edition, **October 2019**
- Special Editor, NJ Lawyer Magazine, "Diversity" Edition, **July 2018**

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, Ethics of Client Confidentiality and AI Platforms, New Association for Justice Boardwalk Conference, **April 2024**
- Speaker, Professional Identity, Rutgers Guest Lecturer, **March 2024**
- Speaker, Leadership in the City of Lights – a DEI Program for Law Firm Managers, New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation Mid-Year Conference in Paris, **November 2023**
- Speaker and Moderator, 2023 Business Litigation Roundtable: The Year in Review - Choosing and Optimizing Use of an Expert in Business Litigation, New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation, **November 2023**
- Speaker, Women in the Law Committee Symposium “Pathways to Leadership”, Hudson County Bar Association, **August 2023**
- Speaker, Cultural Competency in Mediation, New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation, **May 2023**
- Speaker, Pathways to the Bench, New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation, **June 2023**
- Speaker, How to Properly Withdraw as Counsel, New Association for Justice Boardwalk Conference, **April 2023**
- Speaker, New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation and Rutgers Law School, **March 2023**
- Speaker and Moderator, 2022 Business Litigation Roundtable - The current status for in person and remote proceedings in NJ courts, New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation, **December 2022**
- Speaker, Law Office Management, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, **September 2022**
- Speaker, Recent Developments in NJ Law – Diversity & Inclusion Issues for Law Firms, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, **July 2022**
- Speaker, "Pathways to the Bench", New Jersey State Bar Association, **May 2022**
- Moderator, “But Where Are You Really From? A look at Asian American History, The Law, and Notions of Belonging in the United States”, New Jersey State Bar Association, **June 2021**
- Speaker, A Year After George Floyd: A Moment or a Movement?, New Jersey State Bar Association, **May 2021**
- Moderator, I Dissent: Justice Ginsburg, her New Jersey Legacy and the Power of Speaking Up, New Jersey State Bar Association, **January 2021**
- Moderator, Pathways to the Bench, New Jersey State Bar Minorities in the Profession Section, **December 2020**
- Moderator, Unpacking Privilege and Conversation on Intersectionality, New Jersey State Bar Association Summit, **October 2020**
- Moderator, Symposium on Race and the Law – What Can We Do Together to Effect Change, New Jersey State Bar, **August 2020**
- Speaker, Navigating the Minefield of the new Normal Due to COVID-19 – Legal Malpractice Issues Emerging from the Pandemic, New Jersey State Bar, **July 2020**
- Moderator, A Snapshot of North Jersey Redevelopment and its Impact on Diverse Communities, New Jersey State Bar Association, **May 2020**
- Speaker, Ethical Billing Practices & Collections, New Jersey State Bar Association, **February 2019**
- Speaker, Overview of the Ethics Process, Hudson County Bar Association, **December 2019 and 2018**
- Speaker, Coach, I’m Ready, Put Me in the Game, New Jersey State Bar Association, **May 2019 and 2018**
- Moderator, Racism, Xenophobia and Algorithms, How do the Results from Google and other Internet Search Algorithms Impact Society and the Law?, New Jersey State Bar Association, **May 2017**

## Awards

- Selected to the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers® by Key Professional Media, Inc. and published in New Jersey Monthly Magazine
- Selected to Super Lawyers® list by Key Professional Media, Inc. and published in New Jersey Monthly Magazine in the categories of general litigation, land use/zoning and business litigation from 2020 to 2024
- Selected to Rising Stars® list by Key Professional Media, Inc. and published in New Jersey Monthly Magazine from 2014 to 2017

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## Practice Areas

Business and Corporate Law  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment and Labor Law  
Governmental Law  
Land Use, Zoning and Redevelopment  
Litigation

## Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, 2007 JD  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 1997 BA

## Bar Admissions

New Jersey  
New York

## Professional Activities

Hudson County Bar Association (“HCBA”), First Vice President  
HCBA Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee, Former Member  
Hudson Inn, Member  
District VI Ethics Committee, Secretary  
New Jersey State Bar Association (“NJSBA”), Nominating Committee Member  
NJSBA Diversity Committee, Co-Chair  
NJSBA Women in the Profession Section, Trustee  
Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (“APALA-NJ”), Director  
APALA-NJ Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee, Former Member  
National Asian Pacific Bar Association, Member  
New York State Bar Association, Member

## Court Admissions

State of New Jersey  
State of New York  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
Supreme Court of the United States

## 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

Maria P. Vallejo to Speak at New Jersey Association for Justice's Annual Boardwalk Conference

Seven CLM&C Attorneys Selected to 2025 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

Maria P. Vallejo Receives Trailblazer Award from APALA-NJ

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

Maria P. Vallejo Speaks Before State Agencies for AAPI Heritage Month

Nine CLM&C Attorneys Selected to 2024 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

CLM&C Attorneys to Speak at the 2023 New Jersey State Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting in Paris

2024 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Recognizes Record Number of CLM&C Attorneys