



## Nicole R. Cassata

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### Overview

Nicole R. Cassata brings valuable experience as a Hudson County assistant prosecutor to her litigation practice. Her practice focuses on representing clients in appeals and insurance defense, with an emphasis on Forthright Arbitration Forum personal injury protection (PIP) arbitrations. Since joining Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, in 2004, she has also successfully tried auto negligence cases in Hudson and Essex counties. Before joining the Firm, Nicole was an assistant prosecutor with the Hudson County Prosecutors Office. As an assistant prosecutor, Nicole successfully argued matters before the New Jersey Appellate Division involving excess sentences and retroactivity. Prior to her work as a prosecutor, she served as a law clerk to Hon. Carmen Messano, Superior Court, Civil Division, Hudson County Vicinage. Presently, Nicole serves as the Chair to the PIP Committee for the New Jersey Defense Association (NJDA) and is a current Board Member of the PIP Committee. Nicole also served as a member of the Forthright Advisory Council. As a member of the Council, Nicole helped to assist Forthright in connection with selection of Dispute Resolution Professionals (“DRP”) and advises Forthright on development or revision of rules governing the dispute resolution process. Additionally, Nicole has also lectured for NJICLE and the Hudson County Bar Association on all areas of the PIP Defense Practice. From 2010 to 2012, Nicole was named to the Rising Stars<sup>®</sup> list published by Key Professional Media, Inc. and reported by New Jersey Monthly Magazine in the category of Insurance Coverage. **Publications:** [Supreme Court Rules No PIP to Riders/Operators of Low-Speed Electric Scooters \(LSES\)](#). New Jersey Defense, Fall 2024 [PIP Arbitrations Move to Video Conferencing - Zoom](#). New Jersey Defense, Spring 2021

### Awards



### Practice Areas

Civil Defense Litigation

Personal Injury Protection (PIP)

## Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, 2002 JD

Fairfield University, 1999 BA

## Bar Admissions

New Jersey

## Professional Activities

Forthright Advisory Council

New Jersey Defense Association, Chair and Board Member of PIP Committee

New Jersey State Bar Association

Hudson County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

Hudson Inn of Court, Associate

## Insights & News

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

Nicole R. Cassata Prevails in New Jersey Supreme Court on Behalf of the New Jersey Defense Association

Nicole R. Cassata Argues Before New Jersey Supreme Court on Behalf of the New Jersey Defense Association

Nicole R. Cassata & Richard W. Fogarty to Speak at Upcoming ICLE Seminar on February 18, 2021

Robert A. Cappuzzo and Nicole R. Cassata Featured Moderator and Speaker at PIP Program

John V. Mallon Sworn in as President-Elect and Nicole R. Cassata Appointed as Director of New Jersey Defense Association