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Overview

Maria P. Vallejo is a litigation and land-use attorney 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.

Among her numerous accolades, she most recently was honored as a 2021 NJBIZ Leader in the Law and for the past two years, has been named a New Jersey Super Lawyer by the *New Jersey Law Journal* for her practice in general litigation, land use/zoning and business litigation. Only 5% of the attorneys in the State of New Jersey receive the distinction of Super Lawyer. Maria also was named a 2019 Diverse Attorney of the Year by the *New Jersey Law Journal*, which recognizes diverse attorneys

who have made an impact on the profession as a whole.

Maria proudly sits as the First Vice President of the Hudson County Bar Association (“HCBA”), slating her to become 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.

Her strong commitment to diversity is evident in her leadership roles in the New Jersey State Bar Association (“NJSBA”), where she sits on the Nominating Committee, while co-chairing the NJSBA’s Diversity Committee for the third year in a row. She also was a former director of Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (“APALA-NJ”). Maria also is devoted to maintaining the integrity of the legal profession. The New Jersey Supreme Court appointed Maria to serve as its Secretary for the District VI Ethics Committee, where for two years, 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, “Harassment” Edition, **October 2019**
- › Special Editor, NJ Lawyer Magazine, “Diversity” Edition, **July 2018**

Speaking Engagements

- › 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 by *NJBIZ* as "NJBIZ Leader in the Law" in 2021
- › Selected by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* as "Super Lawyer" in the practices of general litigation, land use/zoning and business litigation from 2020 to 2021
- › Selected by *New Jersey Law Journal* as "Diverse Attorney of the Year" for 2019
- › Selected by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* as "Super Lawyer— Rising Star" from 2014 to 2017
- › Selected by *New Jersey Law Journal* as "New Leader of the Bar" for 2013

Practice Areas

- › Business and Corporate Law; Banking
- › Business Litigation
- › Zoning, Land Use and Redevelopment
- › Litigation
- › Governmental Law
- › Employment and Labor Law

Education

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

Bar Admissions

- › New Jersey
- › New York

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

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
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- › 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

Firm News

- › [Maria P. Vallejo Recognized as Diverse Attorney of the Year by New Jersey Law Journal](#)
- › [Eight CLMC Attorneys Selected to 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
- › [Maria P. Vallejo to Speak on COVID-19 Legal Issues](#)
- › [Maria P. Vallejo to Speak on Historic NJSBA Symposium on Race & the Law](#)
- › [Four CLMC Attorneys to Speak at 2020 NJSBA Diversity Summit](#)
- › [Maria P. Vallejo to Moderate Pathways to the Bench Webinar](#)
- › [Maria P. Vallejo to Moderate Panel at NJSBA Women's Leadership Conference Celebrating Justice Ginsb...](#)
- › [Eleven CLMC Attorneys Selected to 2021 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
- › [CLMC Attorneys Honored at the 2021 New Jersey State Bar Association Meeting and Convention](#)
- › [Maria P. Vallejo to Moderate Program on Asian American History, the Law and Notions of Belonging](#)

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