



Partner

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**Hackensack, NJ**

**Practice Areas**

Business Counseling  
Estate & Trust Litigation  
Estates & Trusts  
Elder & Disability Law

**Admitted**

New Jersey  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third  
Circuit

**Education**

New York University School of Law, Juris Doctor,  
1980, LL.M. in Taxation, 1987  
Fordham University, B.S., *summa cum laude*,  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1977

Andrew J. Cevasco has handled a broad array of matters over his 40-year career, representing businesses and individuals in a variety of transactional matters. Andrew appears regularly in Superior Court in will contests, trust litigation and probate matters. He prepares Wills, Trusts and related estate planning documents, and is experienced in the administration of estates and trusts. He also represents clients with regard to guardianship and elder law issues. He has been appointed by the Court to administer estates and to represent minors and allegedly incapacitated persons in both contested and uncontested matters.

Andrew provides a broad range of services to the firm's commercial clients, including business planning, business formation and dissolution, employment and contract issues, and real estate matters. He has also appeared before the Disciplinary Review Board and the New Jersey Supreme Court to represent attorneys who have been charged with violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Andrew represents clients in trials in both the Law and Chancery Divisions of the N.J. Superior Court. He has also argued appeals to the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court and appeared before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Andrew is AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell. He is listed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a mediator and mentor on its Roster of Mediators and also serves as an arbitrator in the New Jersey Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County. Throughout his career, Andrew has demonstrated dedication to public service, most recently through his work on the N.J. Supreme Court Committee on Character, which reviews applications for admission to the New Jersey Bar, and serving on the Board of Trustees of the Bergen County Bar Association. Andrew served as President of the Bergen County Bar Association for the 2019-2020 term. He co-chairs the Association's Professionalism and Estate Planning/Probate Committees. Andrew is a frequent lecturer for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the National Business Institute in the areas of estate and tax planning, estate litigation, and trusts and ethics.

**Representative Experience**

- Obtained a Judgment after Trial admitting a Holographic Will to probate in the face of challenges based on the claim of insane delusions of the testator for an estate valued at \$18,000,000.
- Negotiated settlement and obtained Judgment construing charitable provisions of a Will pursuant to the doctrine of Cy Pres.

- Successfully defended a multi-million dollar flood claim for a N.J. public utility. Tried the matter for two weeks to a verdict of no cause of action.
- Obtained Judgment after Trial against Trustee for breach of fiduciary duty and successfully defended Appeal.
- Obtained Summary Judgment for a client charged in Federal District Court with defrauding claimants of German reparation payments.
- Defeated application to N.J. Supreme Court by Office of Attorney Ethics for temporary suspension and disbarment of client.
- Defeated a contested Guardianship application on behalf of court-appointed client.
- Established and administering multi-million dollar Trust for disabled son of deceased client.
- Successfully represented both employers and employees in restrictive covenant litigation.
- Regularly prepares estate plans for clients with estates ranging from modest to large, providing planning for tax avoidance and protective trusts for their children.
- Provides legal counsel to Executors and Trustees for the administration of trusts and estates.
- Established and advised clients regarding court-settled trusts for minor children to hold and administer proceeds of tort litigation and 9-11 awards.
- Advises Corporate clients regarding contract, employment, organizational and governance issues.

### **Professional and Community Involvement**

- President, Bergen County Bar Association (2019-2020)
- Member, N.J. Supreme Court Committee on Character (2008 – present)
- Trustee and Officer, Bergen County Bar Association (2005 – present)
- Past Member, N.J. Supreme Court Ethics Committee IIB (1994 – 1998)
- Roster of Mediators, Supreme Court of New Jersey (1999-present)
- Arbitration Panelist, Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County (2002-2018)
- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Member, Greater New Jersey Estate Planning Counsel
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association
- Co-Chair, Professionalism Committee, Bergen County Bar Association
- Co-Chair, Estate Planning Probate Committee, Bergen County Bar Association
- Member, General Equity Committee, Bergen County Bar Association
- Trustee, former President and Founding Member, Rutherford Education Foundation, Rutherford, N.J. (2002 – 2019)
- President/Director, Community of God's Love, Rutherford, NJ (2008 – 2012)
- Member, Cornerstone Committee, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, West Orange, N.J. (2001 – present)

- Past Member, Board of Directors, Greater Bergen YMCA, Hackensack, NJ (1997 – 2008)
- Past Member, Executive Committee, St. Peter's Prep Parents Association, Jersey City, NJ (2006 - 2010)
- Past Member, Board of Directors, Catholic Youth Organization, Archdiocese of Newark, NJ and Bergen County, NJ
- Coach and League Director, Rutherford Recreation (20+ years)

### **Awards and Recognition**

- AV rated by Martindale Hubbell (1996– present)
- Named "Top Attorney" for Elder Law by SJ Magazine (2021)
- Bergen County Top Lawyer, Bergen Magazine (2019, 2020)
- Bergen's Top Lawyers, (201) Magazine (2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Accredited Estate Planner, National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (2011-present)
- Sesquicentennial Award, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. (2010)