



NJSBA Annual Meeting Educational Programs

Speaking Engagements & Seminars

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Join the following Archer attorneys as they present at the 2026 NJSBA Annual Meeting and Convention.

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Gianfranco Pietrafesa

Ugly Business Divorces: How To Avoid Them, Resolve Them, and Win Them

Wednesday, May 13, 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Join this panel discussion focused on: (1) planning for and avoiding business divorces; (2) strategies for negotiating pre-litigation resolutions; and (3) practical tips and considerations in litigating business divorce matters, including minority shareholder oppression claims.

What's New with LLCs 2026?

Thursday, May 14, 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

A panel of general equity judges and attorneys will discuss and analyze new case law addressing NJ LLCs.

So You Want to Be a Business Lawyer?

Friday, May 15, 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

A panel of experienced business lawyers will offer insights into business law as a practice. Aimed at young lawyers seeking guidance in deciding on a specialty for their careers and more experienced lawyers seeking a

career change the panel will discuss what constitutes a business law practice, how to get started and how to become established in the business law community.

Daniel Farino

Deference Isn't Dead: NJ's Environmental Justice Rules

Wednesday, May 13, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

In its 2024 decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, 603 U.S. 369 (2024), the United States Supreme Court overruled the principle of “Chevron deference” that had been established four decades prior. Many observers predicted this ruling signaled the beginning of the end of deference to agency rulemaking, including environmental agencies. However, the Appellate Division of New Jersey recently signaled that the reports of the demise of agency deference may have been greatly exaggerated. On January 5, 2026, New Jersey’s Appellate Division, in its decision in *IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF N.J.A.C. 7:1C., A-2936-22, A-2959-22*, upheld the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s adoption of its Environmental Justice rules and regulations at N.J.A.C. 7:1C, which implement New Jersey’s Environmental Justice Law, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-157 to -161. In so upholding, New Jersey’s Appellate Division appears to have conducted its administrative law analysis unconstrained by the *Loper* decision. This decision is considered a win for New Jersey’s low-income communities and communities of color, as a stated purpose of the EJ Rules is to “correct [the] historical injustice” of “New Jersey’s low-income communities and communities of color hav[ing] been subject to a disproportionately high number of environmental and public health stressors...” This panel will explore the bases for EJ Rules, how those Rules are expected to impact life in overburdened communities, how and when they are applied, and how the foundations for rulemaking affected the Appellate Decision’s analysis of agency deference.

Steven Mignogna

Fiduciary Litigation Update

Friday, May 15, 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

The panel will discuss recent developments in the area of fiduciary litigation. Not only will the panel address recent cases, but it will also address proposed and pending legislative that will impact this area of law.

Marc Rollo

Managing Partner Roundtable

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

The managing partners of New Jersey law firms of differing sizes will come together to discuss the issues facing the profession and what practices all firms can use to improve business.



Carlos Bollar

Pathways to the Bench

Thursday, May 14, 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

So you want to be a judge? Maybe navigating that process seems daunting. Join this conversation to understand the process of being nominated and appointed to the state court bench. Learn from judges, those involved in the vetting process and people behind the nomination scenes to demystify the process.

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