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Overview

For more than 40 years, Andrew has maintained a diverse practice focused on several areas, which include appellate litigation, business and governmental civil litigation, municipal law, zoning and planning, real estate tax appeal, labor and employment, employment and other forms of discrimination, wrongful termination, probate law, real estate law, and constitutional law. He has served as the attorney for the Boroughs of Bogota, Maywood, and Norwood, and for the Township of Mahwah. He has been the planning board attorney, zoning board attorney, library board attorney, and special counsel in six other New Jersey municipalities.

Andrew is a certified mediator in the New Jersey Superior Court mediation program for civil, general equity, and probate cases, was an arbitrator in the Bergen County Superior Court contract/commercial arbitration program, and has been appointed by several Superior Court judges to serve in cases as mediator, arbitrator, special master, and condemnation commissioner.

Since 1986, Andrew has been an adjunct professor at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey, teaching a variety of law courses in the University's Department of Political Science and Law. He is the author of numerous articles on legal topics, which have appeared in a variety of publications.

A legal historian, he is the author of [A Degraded Caste: Unequal Protection of the Law as a Badge of Slavery](#) (2024); [Homicide Justified: The Legality of Killing Slaves in the United States and the Atlantic World](#) (2017); [Roadblocks to Freedom: Slavery & Manumission in the United States South](#) (2011), and [People Without Rights: An Interpretation of the Fundamentals of the Law of Slavery in the U.S. South](#) (1992), which was republished in 2011, as well as five scholarly articles that appeared in the [Cardozo Law Review](#), the [American Journal of Legal History](#), the [Law and History Review](#), the [Journal of Supreme Court History](#) and [FCH Annals: Journal of the Florida Conference of Historians](#). He also authored biographies of New Jersey judge Andrew Kirkpatrick and

New Jersey judge and influential corporate lawyer James B. Dill in the American National Biography (1999) and of Dill in the Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law (2009), an article on “Slave Codes” in the Macmillan Encyclopedia of World Slavery (1998), three book reviews that were published in the American Journal of Legal History, and one book review published in the American Historical Review and the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Professional and Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey Bar Association
- Bergen County Bar Association
- New Jersey Institute for Municipal Attorneys
- American Society for Legal History
- Bogota Republican Municipal Chair (2001 - Present)
- Danielle and Andrew Fede Scholarship for Bogota High School Seniors (2018 - Present)
- President, Board of Health, Borough of Bogota, (2025; 1987, 1988) (Member: 1983 - 1988 & 2021 - Present)

Select Articles

- “Sign and Billboard Law: Hijacking the First Amendment or Balancing Freedom of Expression and Government Control?” *New Jersey Lawyer* (April 2017)
- “Not the Most Insignificant Justice: Reconsidering Justice Gabriel Duvall’s Slavery Law Opinions Favoring Liberty,” *Journal of Supreme Court History*, Volume 42 (March 2017)

Select Speaking Engagements and Seminars

- “Ensuring Local Governments Comply With the Law - New Jersey Guide,” National Business Institute (December 2024)
- “Sign Regulations: New Challenges and Best Practices,” New Jersey Government Law: What You Need to Know Now, National Business Institute (September 2023)
- “Public Records and Open Meeting Law: Rapid-Fire Updates,” New Jersey Government Law: What You Need to Know Now, National Business Institute (September 2023)
- “Digital Sign and Billboard Regulation: Insights from Top Lawyers,” Advanced Land Use and Zoning Disputes with Local Government, National Business Institute (August 2023)



- “The Basics of Public Records and Open Meetings Law,” National Business Institute (February 2023)
- “Billboards and Digital Signs: Crafting and Enforcing Local Regulations After *Austin v. Reagane* Live,” Strafford (September 2022)
- “Open Meetings and Public Hearings Law Overview,” Public Records and Open Meetings 101 Live Webinar, National Business Institute (August 2021)
- “Closed Sessions, Exceptions, and Common Violations,” Public Records and Open Meetings 101 Live Webinar, National Business Institute (August 2021)
- “Digital Signs and Billboards: Crafting and Enforcing Local Regulations,” Strafford (October 2020)
- “Open Meeting Laws,” Ensuring Local Governments Comply with the Law, National Business Institute (December 2019)
- “Public Records Issues,” Ensuring Local Governments Comply with the Law, National Business Institute (December 2019)
- “Sign Regulations: How Local Governments Can Respond to New Challenges,” National Business Institute and West LegalEdcenter Live Teleconference (December 2018)
- “Government Attorney Ethics: Protect Your Client and Yourself,” Local Government from Start to Finish, National Business Institute (December 2017)
- “Sign and Billboard Law: Balancing Regulatory Concerns and Constitutional Freedoms,” Local Government from Start to Finish, National Business Institute (December 2017)
- “Drafting Regulations and Public Ordinances,” National Business Institute Live Audio Webinar (November 2017)
- “Sign and Billboard Zoning Law,” National Business Institute and West LegalEdcenter (January 2017)
- “Exemplary Practices of Highly Effective Practitioners: Appellate Practice,” Bergen County Bar Association (October 2016)
- “Government Attorney Ethics: Protect Your Client and Yourself,” Local Issues Involving Local Governments, National Business Institute (June 2016)
- “Sign Regulations: How Local Governments Can Respond to New Challenges,” National Business Institute and West LegalEdcenter (April 2016)

In the News

- “**Andrew T. Fede ’78 Considers History, Equality and Roads Not Taken**,” Montclair State University Alumni News



Recognitions

- Named to New Jersey “Super Lawyers” list for General Litigation (2006, 2007, 2014 - 2017)

Click [here](#) for methodology.

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Credentials

Education

- Rutgers University School of Law, JD
- Montclair State University, BA

Admissions

- New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court

Offices

- Hackensack, NJ

Areas of Focus

Practice

- Appellate Practice
- Business Litigation
- Land Use
- Real Estate Tax Appeal

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