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CRAIG HUBERT REAPPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON MODEL CIVIL JURY CHARGES



Craig J. Hubert
Partner

Szaferman Lakind is pleased to announce that co-managing partner Craig Hubert has been reappointed to serve on the Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges. This prestigious committee is tasked with preparing and updating the model civil jury charges and related judges' notes, which are instrumental in civil jury trial across New Jersey. These model charges are used by trial judges and litigants to provide juries with accurate and easily understandable instructions on the law, ensuring that jurors are properly informed when making decisions on civil cases.

Mr. Hubert's contributions to the committee have been invaluable since he joined in 2018. His reappointment is a testament to his deep legal expertise and dedication to maintaining clarity and fairness in the legal process. The work of the Committee ensures that jury instructions reflect the latest legal developments, helping to safeguard the integrity of civil trials.

Craig Hubert's reappointment not only reflects his standing in the legal community but also his continued commitment to improving the judicial process for both litigants and jurors alike. We are proud of his achievements and are confident that his ongoing work with the Committee will further enhance the quality of civil jury trials in New Jersey.



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SZAFERMAN LAKIND ATTORNEYS HONORED IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® 2025 EDITION

Szaferman Lakind is proud to announce that ten of its attorneys have been recognized in the prestigious *Best Lawyers in America*® 2025 edition, reflecting the firm's commitment to legal excellence across a variety of practice areas. Notably, two attorneys, Arnold C. Lakind and Brian G. Paul, have been awarded the distinguished title of "Lawyer of the Year" for the Princeton area.



Arnold C. Lakind – Land Use and Zoning

Law Arnold C. Lakind, founding partner of Szaferman Lakind, has been named "Lawyer of the Year" for his outstanding work in Land Use and Zoning Law. With a reputation built on decades of experience, Arnold is a trusted advisor to clients navigating complex land use challenges. His recognition in Best Lawyers highlights his exceptional skill in delivering strategic, results-driven legal counsel.



Brian G. Paul – Family Law

Brian G. Paul, co-managing partner of the firm, has been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law for the fourth time. With a reputation for deep expertise and unwavering commitment to his clients, Brian is a trusted advocate in resolving even the most complex family law matters. His commitment to delivering creative and effective solutions has solidified his position as a leader in the field while helping clients achieve their goals.

In addition to these individual honors, Szaferman Lakind is pleased to celebrate the recognition of ten attorneys across six practice areas, demonstrating the firm's broad expertise and dedication to providing top-tier legal representation:

Lawrenceville, NJ:

- Janine Bauer – Environmental Law
- Jeffrey K. Epstein – Family Law
- Samuel Gaylord – Workers' Compensation Law – Claimants
- Jeffrey M. Hall – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- Arnold C. Lakind – Commercial Litigation, Land Use and Zoning Law
- Lindsey Moskowitz Medvin – Family Law
- Robert P. Panzer – Family Law
- Brian G. Paul – Family Law
- Barry D. Szaferman – Family Law

Summit, NJ:

- Brian M. Schwartz – Family Law

Trenton, NJ:

- Samuel Gaylord – Workers' Compensation Law – Claimants

These accolades in *The Best Lawyers in America*® reinforce Szaferman Lakind's reputation as a leading law firm, with strengths spanning environmental law, workers' compensation, family law, and real estate law, among others. The recognition of the firm's attorneys across multiple disciplines is a testament to their expertise, dedication, and unwavering commitment to achieving favorable outcomes for clients.

As a leading law firm in New Jersey, Szaferman Lakind remains focused on delivering exceptional legal services tailored to meet the diverse needs of its clients. The continued recognition of our attorneys in *Best Lawyers in America*® underscores our commitment to excellence and our client-centered approach to legal practice.



Craig J. Hubert
Partner

CRAIG J. HUBERT SPEAKS AT THE NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION

Szaferman Lakind Partner Craig J. Hubert served as a distinguished speaker at the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) Annual Meeting & Convention, held from May 15-17, 2024, at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City. The NJSBA Annual Meeting is one of the state's premier legal gatherings, where attorneys, judges, and legal professionals convene to discuss critical developments in law and share best practices.

Craig participated in the "Navigating Childhood Sexual Abuse Cases in 2024" panel, part of the Civil Litigation Track, which provided in-depth analysis and strategies for handling these emotionally and legally complex cases. The panel addressed vital updates to the Childhood Sexual Abuse Act (CSAA), the Tort Claims Act (TCA), and Charitable Immunity, with a focus on comprehensive legal strategies that include retainer agreements, discovery challenges, insurance coverage, and representation of nonprofit organizations.

Craig's participation underscored his deep commitment to advocating for survivors of childhood sexual abuse and guiding fellow legal professionals through the intricacies of these sensitive cases. His insights, drawn from years of experience in this field, were invaluable in helping attendees understand the nuanced legal frameworks and practical challenges involved in pursuing justice for survivors.

This event further highlights Craig's leadership in the legal community and his dedication to advancing legal practice in this critical area.

SZAFERMAN LAKIND SUPPORTS THE 2024 MERCER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW CLERKS' DINNER

Szaferman Lakind proudly sponsored the 2024 Mercer County Bar Association Law Clerks' Dinner, an event that celebrated the significant contributions of law clerks to the legal profession. Law clerks play a crucial role in advancing justice, providing invaluable research and fresh perspectives that shape the success of legal teams.

The 2024 dinner honored **Christian W. Fischer**, Assistant Mercer County Prosecutor, as the recipient of the **2024 Rising Leader Award**, recognizing his outstanding leadership, dedication, and impact on the legal community. Additionally, **Jeffrey S. Posta, Esq.**, Deputy Attorney General, was awarded the prestigious **2024 Harry O'Malley Award** for his exemplary service, mentorship, and contributions to the legal profession.

Szaferman Lakind's support of this event highlights the firm's commitment to fostering the growth of emerging legal talent. The dinner provided a platform to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of law clerks while offering opportunities for professional networking and mentorship that are essential to their development.

The Mercer County Bar Association Law Clerks' Dinner has long been a valued tradition, honoring both rising stars and seasoned professionals who contribute to the strength of the legal field. By sponsoring the event, Szaferman Lakind reaffirmed its dedication to nurturing the future of the legal profession, emphasizing the importance of mentorship, collaboration, and continued excellence in the legal community.

SZAFERMAN LAKIND WELCOMES ACCOMPLISHED ATTORNEYS AND RISING TALENT TO THE TEAM

Szaferman Lakind is proud to announce the addition of several accomplished attorneys, strengthening the firm's capabilities across matrimonial law, civil litigation, workers' compensation, personal injury, and family law. These new team members bring significant skill and dedication, reflecting the firm's commitment to delivering exceptional legal services to its clients.



Jenna Shapiro
Partner

MATRIMONIAL LAW DEPARTMENT

Jenna Shapiro joins Szaferman Lakind as a partner in the Matrimonial Department. A highly regarded attorney in family law, Jenna actively participates in the New Jersey State Bar Association Family Law Executive Committee and the Monmouth and Middlesex Bar Associations. She is a certified 1:40 mediator and has earned recognition on the Super Lawyers - Rising Stars list for Family Law (2012-2024) and Best Lawyers' Ones to Watch (2020). Jenna's dedication to her clients and extensive experience make her an invaluable addition to the firm.



Terryann Bradley
Partner

With over 20 years of experience in family law, **Terryann Bradley** also joins the firm as a partner. She has successfully represented clients in matters involving custody, support, prenuptial agreements, and domestic violence. Her leadership includes serving as President of the Barry I. Croland Family Inn of Court and Trustee for the Essex County Bar Association. Recognized as a New Jersey Super Lawyer (2014-2023), Terryann's practical approach and client-centered focus will greatly enhance the firm's matrimonial practice.



Steven Fox
Of Counsel

CIVIL LITIGATION DEPARTMENT

Steven Fox joins the firm as Of Counsel in the General Litigation Department, bringing nearly 35 years of litigation experience. As a certified civil trial attorney by the New Jersey Supreme Court, Steven has a proven ability to navigate complex legal matters. He has held leadership roles in organizations such as the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey and the New Jersey Association for Justice. Steven's extensive knowledge of litigation will reinforce the firm's ability to deliver high-quality representation in civil matters.



Craig Voorhees
Partner

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND PERSONAL INJURY

Craig Voorhees joins as a partner focusing on workers' compensation and personal injury. Certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court in workers' compensation law, Craig has spent over 20 years advocating for the rights of New Jersey's workforce. Raised in a working-class family, Craig has a deep understanding of the challenges faced by injured workers and is committed to achieving fair outcomes for his clients.



Angelina Sferra
Associate

NEXT GENERATION OF TALENT

Angelina Sferra joins the Family Law Department, where she will assist clients in navigating sensitive matters such as divorce, custody, and support disputes. Angelina recently completed a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Gregg Rubenstein, J.S.C., in Middlesex County. She earned her Juris Doctor from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, with a concentration in Family Law.



Mariam Zein
Associate

Mariam Zein joins the Personal Injury Department, where she will focus on representing individuals seeking justice for their injuries. Mariam recently completed judicial clerkships with the Honorable Kay Walcott-Henderson, J.A.D., in the New Jersey Appellate Division, and the Honorable Benjamin S. Bucca, Jr., J.S.C., in Middlesex County. She earned her Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

COMMITMENT TO GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE

“We are thrilled to welcome these outstanding attorneys to our firm,” said Brian G. Paul, Co-Managing Partner. “Each brings unique skills, experience, and a shared commitment to delivering exceptional service to our clients. Their addition reflects our firm’s growth and reinforces our dedication to achieving the best possible outcomes for those we represent.”

These new additions strengthen Szaferman Lakind’s ability to provide comprehensive, client-focused legal representation across a broad range of practice areas. The firm remains committed to building a team of dedicated professionals who deliver exceptional results and uphold its longstanding reputation for legal excellence.

SZAFERMAN LAKIND CONGRATULATES THE 2024 NEW JERSEY STATE BAR FOUNDATION MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Szaferman Lakind is proud to support the New Jersey State Bar Foundation in its mission to promote civic engagement, legal education, and justice for all. Partner, Tom Manzo, current treasurer to the NJSBF, commented: “We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the 2024 Medal of Honor, Hon. Peter F. Bariso, Jr., A.J.S.C., and Karol Corbin Walker, Esq. This award recognizes their exceptional contributions to the legal profession and the advancement of justice in New Jersey.”

Judge Bariso has long been a mentor and educator, significantly shaping the next generation of lawyers, while Karol Corbin Walker has broken barriers as a pioneer for women of color in law, achieving numerous firsts in her distinguished career. Their accomplishments embody the spirit of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, whose programs inspire citizens and strengthen our legal system.

As part of our continued commitment to supporting the Foundation, we are proud that Tom Manzo serves as treasurer and Craig J. Hubert, serves on the Board of Trustees. Their leadership reinforces our shared dedication to strengthening the legal system and fostering justice for all.

Szaferman Lakind celebrates these distinguished honorees and looks forward to continuing our support of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation’s important work.



Samuel Gaylord
Partner

SAMUEL GAYLORD HONORED WITH AVVO CLIENTS’ CHOICE AWARD

Szaferman Lakind is pleased to announce that Samuel Gaylord, one of our partners, has been recognized with the Avvo Clients’ Choice Award. This award is based on client reviews and ratings, reflecting positive feedback and satisfaction with the service he provides. The Clients’ Choice Award highlights attorneys who demonstrate a consistent focus on client needs and achieving favorable outcomes. Samuel’s recognition is a testament to his professionalism and commitment to providing quality representation to injured workers and their families.

At Szaferman Lakind, we value the trust our clients place in us, and Samuel’s achievement underscores the importance of building strong relationships and delivering dependable results. We congratulate Samuel on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

SZAFERMAN LAKIND HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Szaferman Lakind proudly hosted its annual holiday celebration, bringing together attorneys and staff to reflect on a year of accomplishments and strengthen the bonds that drive our success.

The event provided an opportunity to express gratitude for the dedication, collaboration, and commitment that define our team. It was an evening of connection and celebration, marked by thoughtful conversations and a shared appreciation for the milestones achieved in 2024.

As we look ahead to 2025, we remain committed to delivering exceptional service to our clients and fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration within our firm. We thank our team and clients for their continued trust and support and look forward to another successful year ahead.



The 2024 holiday gathering gave the firm the opportunity to celebrate its newest associates. From left to right, Max H. Steinberg, Alexandra Jacinto, Mariam S. Zein and Angelina L. Sferra

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

In 2024, we had the privilege of supporting organizations that are deeply rooted in addressing vital needs and fostering resilience within our community. These organizations are making a lasting impact in the lives of individuals and families, and we are proud to highlight their missions and the critical work they do.

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING NEEDS

- **Rescue Mission of Trenton:** The Rescue Mission of Trenton provides essential services to individuals experiencing homelessness and hardship. Their comprehensive approach includes shelter, food, addiction counseling, mental health support, and job training, creating opportunities for stability and renewed hope.
- **HomeFront:** HomeFront works tirelessly to end homelessness in Central New Jersey by meeting immediate needs and delivering long-term solutions. From emergency shelters to educational programs, they empower families to overcome adversity and build brighter futures.
- **Princeton Community Housing:** By offering access to affordable and safe housing, Princeton Community Housing promotes inclusivity and stability. Their efforts ensure that more individuals and families have the security and opportunity to thrive within the community.

EMPOWERING YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- **Anchor House Foundation:** Anchor House Foundation provides a safe haven for at-risk youth, helping them stabilize their lives and equipping them with skills and resources for long-term success.
- **PEI Kids:** PEI Kids is dedicated to creating a secure and nurturing environment for children. Their work in child abuse prevention, intervention, and advocacy ensures that young lives are protected and empowered.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Through one-to-one mentoring relationships, Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children unlock their potential by connecting them with positive role models. These connections foster personal growth and confidence, laying the foundation for lifelong success.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND PROMOTING JUSTICE

- **Womanspace:** Womanspace is a beacon of hope for individuals affected by domestic and sexual violence. Their crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy programs provide essential support to help survivors rebuild their lives.
- **American Bar Foundation:** By advancing research into the role of law in society, the American Bar Foundation helps promote fairness and justice. Their work deepens our understanding of legal systems and drives equitable change.

IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- **Clara's Heart:** Clara's Heart stands alongside families navigating pediatric heart conditions, providing financial and emotional support to ease their burdens and ensure compassionate care.
- **Jordy Foundation:** The Jordy Foundation's efforts focus on education, health, and community development. Their programs enhance quality of life and address critical needs, creating stronger communities.
- **The National Junior Tennis & Learning of Trenton:** The NJTL create opportunities for success by enriching the lives of under-resourced youth through innovative tennis, education, and mentoring programs based on the ideals of tennis legend Arthur Ashe.
- **Princeton Tennis Program:** The PTP is a nonprofit, year-round community tennis association serving youth and adults of the greater central New Jersey region. Barry Szaferman is the Vice Chairman of PTP whose mission is growing the game of tennis by offering high quality group instruction and programs without regard to age, abilities, skill level or financial means.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

- **St. Mary's Church:** As a cornerstone of community support, St. Mary's Church offers spiritual guidance and vital social services, strengthening the bonds that hold families and communities together.

These organizations exemplify what it means to make a difference, tackling some of the most pressing challenges we face as a society. By supporting their missions, we join in their efforts to uplift individuals, families, and entire communities. Together, we continue to work toward a brighter and more inclusive future.

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Barry D. Szaferman
Co-Managing Partner

STATE OF THE FIRM

By Barry Szaferman, Co-Managing Partner

As we move further into 2025, we take this opportunity to reflect on the past year's progress and the firm's continued commitment to its clients and core values.

In 2024, we expanded our team with the addition of new partners and associates, strengthening our ability to provide thoughtful and effective legal counsel. Their experience reflects the firm's True Counsel® philosophy—offering sound legal guidance rooted in integrity, practicality, and a client-first approach.

We were also honored with recognition from Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers, among other respected professional organizations. These acknowledgments underscore the dedication of our attorneys and the trust placed in them by both clients and peers.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on delivering consistent legal representation while adapting to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We value the relationships we have built and appreciate the confidence our clients continue to place in us.