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Lawrence Shapiro is co-chair of the Litigation Department. He devotes his practice to commercial litigation, eminent domain, property disputes and municipal law.

In successfully representing clients in matters as diverse as partnership and business organization disputes, contract actions, property rights disputes, restrictive covenant and trade secret actions, and prerogative writ actions, Larry believes preparation and immersion in a file are critical to effectively representing his clients and have helped him develop a “habit of winning.” He also believes continual communication with the client is key.

Larry believes that making sure the client has a clear understanding of the litigation process and the strengths and weaknesses of the parties’ respective positions is central to the client making knowledgeable and sound decisions in terms of potential settlement, trial and appeal of court rulings. Helping a client maximize their resources and efforts in a cost-efficient manner to achieve a result that is the most beneficial to the client, in as timely a manner as possible, is central to his philosophy of litigation.

Practice Areas

- Labor & Employment Law
- Litigation
- Municipal Law
- Residential Real Estate Law

Education

- Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 1991
- Dickinson School of Law, J.D., 1994

Admissions

- New Jersey Bar
- New York Bar
- Pennsylvania Bar
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the Southern District of New York
- Third Circuit Court of Appeals

Following his graduation from law school, Larry served as law clerk to the Honorable Ira E. Kreizman, J.S.C., retired.

Larry is a member of the Monmouth Bar Association and has served on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, Membership and Chancery Practice committees.

Larry has served as an adjunct professor of business law at Monmouth University and is currently a member of the university's business council. A lifelong resident of West Long Branch, he has been involved in coaching youth sports, and he is a past president of the Monmouth County Volunteer Center, as well as a former board member of Family and Children's Services of Monmouth County and Monmouth Park Charities. He has also served on the executive board and as president of his synagogue.

Larry has been selected as a New Jersey Super Lawyer* for 2024.

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Representative Matters

- In 2013, Larry successfully argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court in *Borough of Harvey Cedars v. Harvey Karan and Phyllis Karan* that the benefits conferred on a property owner from the state's exercise of eminent domain needed to be considered in calculating the compensation the state provided for acquiring the property in a partial-taking condemnation. The Supreme Court's decision in the case reversed a more-than-a century-old precedent (*Mangles v. Hudson County*) and cleared the way for cost-effective shore protection measures to be undertaken by the state and federal governments.

Associations & Memberships

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Monmouth Bar Association
- District IX Ethics Committee (former member)
- ACE Member of Senior Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE)