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- Represents clients in complex and high-net-worth matters across the spectrum of family law issues
- Strategic support on issues related to divorce, alimony, child support and custody, and the equitable distribution of marital assets
- Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Matrimonial Law Attorney

For over four decades, Mark has provided strategically insightful counseling and first-chair trial representation in intricate family law matters, with an emphasis on representing professionals, business owners, senior level executives, and their spouses with discretion and empathy.

Broadly regarded as one of the preeminent matrimonial trial lawyers in New Jersey, he is among a very small group of lawyers who are certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Matrimonial Law Attorney, a designation which speaks to his exceptional expertise and diverse experience in his area of practice.

Mark provides counsel across all aspects of family law, including the evaluation and division of financial holdings, property and other marital assets in contested divorce cases, hard-hitting advocacy in separation and divorce proceedings and custody trials, and skilled negotiation of alimony and child support issues. He represents clients in domestic violence trials and in relocation cases, oversees forensic evaluations to determine imputed income, and drafts prenuptial and marital settlement agreements.

Mark represents clients at trial, in mediations and arbitrations, and at post-judgment modification and enforcement hearings. His experience also encompasses complex civil litigation, with a particular focus on sophisticated and high value business-related disputes.

Areas of Focus

Practice Areas

- Family Law
- Alimony
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Equitable Distribution
- Palimony
- Post Judgment Modifications
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Relocation, Retirement, Cohabitation & Other Special Considerations

Industries

- Private Clients

Credentials

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 1978
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1978

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 1978
- George Washington University, B.A., *with distinction*, 1975

Recognition

- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- Listed in *Chambers High Net Worth* (a publication of Chambers and Partners) in the Family/Matrimonial practice area (2022 – present)

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Family Law practice area (2001 – present)
- Selected by *Best Lawyers* (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) as Newark "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law (2024, 2016, 2011)
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Family Law and Business Litigation practice areas (2005 – present); listed by *Super Lawyers* as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in New Jersey (2011 – 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022 – present)
- Listed in *The Lawdragon 500 Leading Family Lawyers* (a publication of Lawdragon Inc.) (2024 – 2026)
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.)
- Recipient of the Tischler Award, the Family Law Section's Lifetime Achievement Award, from New Jersey State Bar Association (2009)

Other Experience

- Former Assistant Prosecutor, Essex County

Experience

Published Cases

- In *Lombardi v. Lombardi* (2016), successfully represented the plaintiff securing a precedential New Jersey Appellate Division decision establishing that regular savings is a component of marital lifestyle and must be considered in calculating alimony. The ruling created statewide uniformity and is routinely cited in contested alimony matters throughout New Jersey.
- In *Isaacson v. Isaacson* (2012), defended the obligor and obtained a precedential New Jersey Appellate Division decision confirming that child support, regardless of parental affluence, is subject to reasonable limits. The decision articulated the widely cited "three pony rule," affirming that a parent is not required to fund unlimited luxuries as part of child support.
- In *Ciasulli v. Ciasulli* (2004), represented the non-titled spouse in a landmark New Jersey divorce case, securing a trial and New Jersey Appellate Division ruling recognizing that, where significant delay occurs between complaint and trial, even an "active" business may experience passive appreciation subject to equitable distribution. Following a period of nearly 10 years, the court awarded the firm's client millions of dollars in additional distributive share based on post-complaint passive growth.

Affiliations

Memberships

- New Jersey State Bar Association; Member Emeritus; Family Law Section, Executive Committee; Section Chair (1997 – 1998); Alimony and Child Support Sub-Committee (past Chair)

- Essex County Bar Association; Family Law Committee; Family Bench/Bar Committee; Judicial Appointments Committee (former member)
- American Bar Association, Section of Family Law

Committees

- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on General Practices and Procedures (former member)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Special Committee to Revise Matrimonial Law (former member)

Other Activities

- Early Settlement Program for mediation of family court matters in Essex County (former member)
- *New Jersey Family Lawyer* Magazine; Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

Insights & More

Announcements

Mark H. Sobel Selected for Inclusion in 2027 Lawdragon 500 Leading Family Lawyers Guide
10.13.26

Thirty-One Greenbaum Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2027 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
10.12.26

2027 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 50 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas
8.20.26

2026 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis and Mark H. Sobel in Family/Matrimonial Practice Area
7.16.26

36 Greenbaum Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2026 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
3.20.26

2026 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 54 Attorneys in 41 Practice Areas: Eight Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on “Ones to Watch” List
8.21.25

2025 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis and Mark H. Sobel in Family/Matrimonial Practice Area
7.24.25

Thirty-Five Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2025 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
3.19.25

2025 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.14.24

2024 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis and Mark H. Sobel in Family/Matrimonial Practice Area
6.17.24

Thirty-Four Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2024 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
3.25.24

Mark H. Sobel and Frank A. Louis Named to 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Family Lawyers List
10.17.23

2024 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.16.23

2023 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis and Mark H. Sobel in Family/Matrimonial Practice Area
7.19.23

2023 Edition of Best Lawyers Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Seven Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
8.17.22

2022 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis and Mark H. Sobel in Family/Matrimonial Practice Area
7.21.22

Publications

Cross-Examination Techniques for Financial Experts
December 2023

Seminars & Events

Child Custody Symposium
9.30.26

2025 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute
7.23.25

2024 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute
9.23.24

2023 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Summer Institute
7.24.23

2023 Family Law Symposium
1.26.23

2022 Family Law Summer Institute
7.25.22

2022 Family Law Symposium
1.27.22

2021 Family Law Summer Institute
7.26.21

2021 Family Law Symposium
1.25.21

2020 Family Law Summer Institute
7.20.20

Videos

Protecting Assets in Complex Divorce Cases
5.29.26