

Family Law

- Personalized service of a boutique matrimonial practice backed by the resources of a full-service law firm, enabling clients to address complex business valuations, real estate holdings, tax issues, and other financial matters without retaining separate counsel
- Divorce, including equitable distribution, alimony, child custody and support, relocation, retirement, and cohabitation disputes, domestic violence (TRO/FRO proceedings), prenuptial and palimony agreements, and post-judgment enforcement and modification
- Extensive experience in high-net-worth matters involving complicated asset valuation, forensic accounting, and complex financial structures

The firm's family law team is dedicated to guiding individuals through sensitive and often challenging personal matters, offering the responsive and personalized service of a boutique matrimonial practice backed by the comprehensive support of a full-service business law firm. In this intimate and highly nuanced area of the law, where trust is critical, our attorneys stand among the preeminent practitioners in New Jersey, providing effective and compassionate representation in all areas of domestic relations through negotiation, mediation, litigation and the appellate process.

Greenbaum's family law attorneys are accomplished, tenacious litigators and persuasive, strategic negotiators. Highly effective as trial attorneys, they are equally adept at finding creative solutions through alternatives to litigation, including arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. Our work for clients encompasses litigated and negotiated matters involving divorce, separation, child custody and guardianship, child support, alimony and spousal maintenance, equitable distribution, domestic violence, prenuptial agreements, and post-divorce judgment enforcement and modifications.

Our team's extensive experience has resulted in success in the representation of matrimonial clients in high-net-worth and/or high-conflict cases. In situations involving business or real estate ownership and valuation, complex

tax or investment issues, bankruptcy or other tangential matters, the broad scope of the firm's practice offers clients the opportunity to obtain particularized expertise without retaining separate counsel.

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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 *Leonard v. Leonard* (2012), represented the defendant in a New Jersey Chancery Division decision addressing the valuation and equitable distribution of complex marital assets, providing guidance on how courts should

analyze and allocate business and investment interests in high-asset divorce proceedings.

- 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.
- In *Sculler v. Sculler* (2001), represented the defendant in a New Jersey Chancery Division decision addressing the burden of proof for equitable distribution of appreciation in premarital and inherited assets, providing guidance on treatment of “active” immune property in divorce proceedings.
- In *Rolle v. Rolle* (1987), represented the plaintiff in a New Jersey Chancery Division decision resolving contested financial and equitable distribution issues, contributing to the development of New Jersey case law governing the treatment of marital property in divorce matters.
- In *Kelly v. Kelly* (1986), represented the plaintiff in a New Jersey Chancery Division decision affirming his right to overnight parenting time in the presence of an unrelated partner, clarifying standards for post-judgment visitation restrictions.

Insights & More

Announcements

[Greenbaum Announces New Leadership Roles for Jemi G. Lucey & Dina M. Vanides in Employment & Family Law Practices](#)

8.01.26

[36 Greenbaum Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2026 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers](#)

3.20.26

[The Hon. Michael R. Casale \(Ret.\) to be Honored With 2026 Serpentelli Award from the NJSBA Family Law Section](#)

3.03.26

[Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Recognized on 2026 “Best Law Firms” List by Best Lawyers](#)

11.06.25

[Greenbaum Attorney Tamires M. Oliveira to be Sworn In as Co-Historian of Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey](#)

10.27.25

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

The Hon. Glenn Berman (Ret.) Honored at NJSBA Annual Meeting

5.12.25

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

3.19.25

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Promotes Two Attorneys to Partnership

12.31.24

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Recognized on 2025 "Best Law Firms®" rankings by Best Lawyers®

11.06.24

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

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

7.19.23

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

7.21.22

Frank A. Louis Co-Authors Newly Published Treatise on New Jersey Family Law

10.20.20

Client Alerts

When it Comes to Custody Issues, Smoking Pot is Not Necessarily a Smoking Gun

8.16.21

Family Law Update: Four Tips for Addressing Co-Parenting Challenges in Today's "New Normal"

6.09.20

Family Law Update: Changes in Financial Circumstances Due to COVID-19 May Justify a Modification of Support Obligations

5.27.20

Family Law Update - Two Households, One Common Interest: The Impact of COVID-19 on Parenting Time

5.21.20

Publications

New Jersey Family Law – Volume Two: Divorce, Alimony & Property Division

2025

The Role and Responsibility To Supervise Spousal Agreements: What is Supervisory Control and What Does It Mean?

September 2015

Spousal Fiduciary Responsibilities

December 2009

The Question of Fairness in Palimony

July 2009

Palimony: A New Approach

1.31.09

How Should Pre-Marital Cohabitation Be Considered in the Alimony Analysis?

January 2009

May A Court Consider Expenses A Spouse Incurs for a Fully Emancipated Child on an Initial Determination or Modification of Alimony

1.05.08

Your Client Demands to Settle But Discovery is Not Complete. What Language Should Be Added to a Property Settlement Agreement?

January 2008

Payment of Pre-Martial Obligations Such As Alimony, Child Support, Student Loans, With Marital Funds Is a Factor Justifying a Lesser Distributable Share of the Marital Assets

January 2008

Conflict Between Public Policy and Valuation Principles: What Can We Learn From Brown

May 2003

An Analysis of Cox v Cox: How to Determine Whether Permanent or Limited Duration Alimony is Appropriate

January 2002

The Far Reaching Impact of Crews

December 2001

Proposal for Appointment of Expert

August 2001

Seminars & Events

2026 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute

8.11.26

Monmouth Vicinage Law Day Symposium

6.03.26

5th Annual MENTE Conference

5.21.26

What's Mine is Mine. Creative Arguments for Exempt Assets

5.14.26

2026 Family Law Symposium

1.23.26

The Fab Four and Lepis – Hot Tips for Navigating the Many Areas of Post-Judgment Family Law Practice

11.11.25

2025 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute

7.23.25

Boardwalk Seminar 2025: Matrimonial Law

4.30.25

ADR Across the Divisions

4.29.25

Family Law Hot Tips - Let's Talk About Tech

10.13.24

The Intersection Between Family Law and Civil Law Trial and Domestic Violence Hot Tips

9.16.24

The Interplay Between Women's Rights, Domestic Violence, and the Second Amendment

9.05.24

Gen X Divorce: Legal Insights and Strategies

8.25.24

Hot Tips in Family Law & Domestic Violence

11.26.23

What YLS Wants to Know: Q&A with Experienced Family Lawyers

11.13.23

Death and Divorce

5.16.23

2023 Family Law Symposium

1.26.23

Hot Tips in Family Law: Never Have I Ever...

10.09.22

Divorce: Dividing Asset Appreciation, Proving and Valuing Passive vs. Active Efforts

12.06.21

Hot Tips in Family Law: What I Wish I Knew When I Was Starting Out

11.10.21