



## Carl J. Soranno Member

Family Law Services, Litigation, Patent, Intellectual Property & IT, Bankruptcy

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“Carl has been my attorney through a grueling divorce case in NJ, including spin offs in Federal and Superior Court...and Municipal Court involving restraining orders and criminal trials. I'd need an hour to talk about what an outstanding lawyer he truly is!”

~ Don F.

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## Chair, Family Law Services

**Carl Soranno came to the practice of law following a 10-year career in finance, securities, and investment banking.** Carl has combined that experience with 27 years as a multidisciplinary commercial litigator which has shaped him into a formidable litigator and trial attorney, Carl has litigated well over 1,000 large and small actions, including disputes related to complex family matters, child custody, commercial transactions, contracts between debtors and creditors, commercial lending/workouts, foreclosure, bankruptcy, trademark infringement, consumer fraud, employment, shareholder claims, restrictive covenant claims, and tort-related actions.

As Chair of Brach Eichler's Family Law Services Practice, Carl blends his deep knowledge of the legal issues affecting the family, along with his background in business and finance, together with Brach Eichler's other leading attorneys in the areas of trusts and estates, tax, real estate, corporate, and business planning to provide family clients with broad experience and representation. By combining these skills, Carl is well positioned to represent high-net-worth individuals in contested and uncontested divorce actions, which include issues related to complex property division, valuation of closely held businesses, executive compensation packages, alimony, and tax-related matters.

### INDUSTRIES

- Construction
- Family Business

### EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D.
- Rutgers University, B.A., *with honors*

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

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

His practice includes the successful litigation or dispute resolution of cases concerning custody, parenting time, relocation, distribution of pension and retirement plans, stock options and compensation grants, trusts, limited partnerships, closely held corporate interests, and valuation of businesses. In matters large and small, Carl brings substantial experience to his clients' matrimonial issues.

An effective negotiator, Carl has experience in all forums of alternative dispute resolution including actions before the National Association of Securities Dealers, American Arbitration Association, and other associations, including the collaborative divorce process. In addition to handling trial and appellate-level cases on both the state and federal level, Carl has resolved numerous disputes through arbitration, mediation, early settlement, and blue-ribbon panels, and has negotiated many commercial settlement agreements, marital separation agreements, prenuptial and post-nuptial agreements, and all matters of agreements involving commercial and business-related issues, including licensing agreements. Carl is also a certified mediator.

Rounding out his experience, Carl has served on public and non-profit boards and has advised boards in the operation of the business or their charitable efforts.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Each lawsuit handled by Carl depends on its unique facts and particular legal circumstances. The following are a list of results obtained by Carl on behalf of his clients:

- Successful protection of trademark and service marks on behalf of a 37-year-old regional radiological group and home healthcare provider company from infringement by out-of-state competitors
- Successful defense and prosecution of claims on behalf of physician/shareholders arising from post-employment restrictive covenants
- Successful representation of individuals in matrimonial matters where complex issues of equitable distribution of property, alimony, and support were at issue. Cases include complex property division, valuation of closely held corporations and executive compensations plans, custody support, relocation, and litigation to enforce marital contracts such as prenuptial, postnuptial, and separation agreements, as well as marital settlement agreements and divorce judgments.
- Successful defense in a number of cases arising out of employment/workplace-related claims, such as claims brought under The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, The Americans with Disabilities Act, The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, The New Jersey Conscientious Employee Protection Act, The Family Medical Leave Act, and other related common law claims asserting breach of contract, wrongful discharge, harassment in the workplace, and discrimination
- Successful representation on behalf of a number of lenders from pursuing property foreclosure actions to protect the lender's rights in bankruptcy
- Successful settlement of claims brought on behalf of injured clients arising from automobile accidents, pedestrian injuries, and defective products
- Successful defense of a shareholder oppression claim asserted by a withdrawing family shareholder of a 60-year-old closely held candy manufacturing company
- Precedent-setting decisions in the federal Third Circuit establishing the jurisdictional boundaries of appeals arising from bankruptcy courts, creditors' rights of set off, and the perfection of pre-petition security interests
- Successful recovery of a percentage of royalties and interest in excess of \$900,000 for a University of Pennsylvania medical professor/inventor against the university under its patent policy
- *Professional Insurance Management v. Ohio Casualty Group of Insurance Cos.*, 285 F.3rd 268 (3rdCir.2002).  
*The Ohio Casualty Group of Ins. Cos. v. Professional Insurance Management*, 130 F.3rd 1122 (3rd.Cir.1997);

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## AWARDS



The Best Lawyers®  
in America for  
Family Law,  
Bankruptcy, and



New Jersey Super  
Lawyers® list\*  
2015-2021, 2024



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Hubbell®

**Debtor and  
Creditor Rights  
list\***

2024

2021 - 2025

\*No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Co-Founder, Corporate Secretary, Former Director, Edge Therapeutics, Inc.
- Counsel, Friends of Jaclyn Foundation
- Counsel, New Jersey Former Troopers Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Barry Croland Family Law Inn of Court
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association,
- Member, Sigma Pi Fraternity, Gamma Eta Chapter Rutgers College Alumni Association
- Trustee, Dombal-Vogel Foundation

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### Insights

*Awards - August 15, 2024*

**45 Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized in the “2025 Best Lawyers in America®” List by Best Lawyers**

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*Articles - July 12, 2024*

**The Victim’s Assistance and Survivor Protection Act Closes Gaps in Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act, Offering Greater Protection to Victims**

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*Newsletters - July 12, 2024*

**Litigation Quarterly Advisor: Family Law Edition - Summer 2024**

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*Articles - July 12, 2024*

**Cohabitation of Unmarried Adults**

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*Awards - March 26, 2024*

**33 Attorneys from Brach Eichler Recognized for Inclusion in 2024 Edition of the New Jersey “Super Lawyers” list by Super Lawyers®**

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*B|E in the News - October 13, 2023*

**Northern New Jersey Heart Walk is saving lives with every step**

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*B|E in the News - October 12, 2023*

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*Awards - August 17, 2023*

**Forty Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America© 2024**

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*Firm Announcements & Wins - May 11, 2023*

**30 Attorneys from Brach Eichler Recognized for Inclusion in the “2023 New Jersey Super Lawyers” list by Super Lawyers®**

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*Alerts - April 25, 2023*

**New Jersey Court Rules that Mediated Settlements Must Be in Writing and Signed by the Parties Prior to the Close of Mediation**

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