



Tracy Julian

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PRACTICE AREAS

Family Law

Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution

EDUCATION

B.S., James Madison University, 1995, *cum laude*

J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1998

Tracy serves as chair of the firm's Family Law practice group and managing partner of the firm's office in Bell Works in Holmdel, New Jersey. She is also a partner in the Family Law and Litigation practices. She has a keen understanding of how divorce impacts individuals and their families, and she further understands the unique challenges divorce presents to business owners. Tracy protects her clients and their assets through skillful negotiation, mediation and, when necessary, litigation.

Clients appreciate Tracy's compassionate perspective on marital dissolution and other family law issues, as well as her significant expertise in complex commercial litigation matters, including family business conflicts. In all cases, Tracy spends the time to educate her clients about the relevant substantive legal issues and the process. She maintains civility and professionalism with adversaries and parties and is a fierce advocate in all phases of litigation, arbitration, and mediation.

Tracy brings her extensive experience as a commercial litigator to divorce matters involving sophisticated business structures. She represents high net-worth clients in the dissolution of commercial entities and buy-outs, and serves as a trusted advisor regarding the challenges of planning to operate a family business post-divorce. Clients turn to Tracy for her counsel in business valuations, cash flow and income analyses, and even negotiation of employment terms for former spouses once a divorce is final. She often works with forensic accountants and other financial, real estate, and tax experts to help

secure a favorable financial outcome for her clients.

In addition to her commercial litigation and business experience, Tracy also has significant experience in handling the delicate and emotional aspects of child custody and parenting time disputes. Tracy has amicably negotiated many child custody and parenting time agreements; however, she has also worked with mental health professionals and child custody experts to perform best interest evaluations when necessary. She has successfully tried custody and parenting time cases to conclusion when the parties have been unable to reach an amicable resolution. Tracy appreciates the sensitive nature of this area of practice and is a fierce advocate for the best interests of the children in these cases.

Tracy's family law practice includes traditional marital dissolution, civil unions, uncontested divorce, cohabitation, same-sex relationships, adoption, and prenuptial agreements. She is a tenacious champion for her clients' financial needs particularly with issues concerning alimony, discovery of assets, equitable distribution, and child support. She has substantial experience in child custody and parenting time disputes and will often work with mental health professionals to address conflicts concerning child custody issues.

Tracy handles post-divorce judgment issues for clients, including modification of marital agreements or Court orders, enforcement or modification of child support, alimony, and child custody terms, as well as domestic violence and Division of Child Permanency and Protection matters.

Tracy is a qualified NJ Ct. R. 1:40-12 family law mediator, able to assist clients in resolving their differences more amicably through mediation, particularly with issues of child custody and parenting time.

In Tracy's Words:

"Family lawyers uniquely impact a client's legal, financial and personal well-being, in addition to that of the client's children, family, and business. My experience enables me to guide clients through difficult legal, financial, and emotional dynamics with civility, respect, sensitivity—and fierce advocacy, when necessary, to achieve success."

Honors & Awards

- Honored at the 2020 New Jersey Judiciary Pro Bono Attorney Recognition Event

Community & Professional Associations

- New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Monmouth County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Publications Committee

- Ocean County Bar Association

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Family Law Group

Chair

- Tracy Julian

Partners

- Matthew A. Smuro

Counsel

- Valerie Jules McCarthy

Associates

- Amanda J. Massey
- Linda Torosian

