

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden Counsel Rachel E. Simon Nominated to the Board of the ACDL-NJ

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Pashman Stein Walder Hayden is pleased to announce that Rachel E. Simon, Counsel in the firm's Criminal Defense practice group, has been nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (ACDL-NJ), for the 2023-2024 term.

In her two years of ACDL-NJ membership, Rachel has donated over 240 pro bono hours to ACDL-NJ matters. She has drafted six amicus briefs raising statutory, policy, and constitutional claims regarding pleas, sentencing, parole, self-defense, juveniles, and immigrant offenders. Rachel has argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court three times on behalf of the Association and is slated to appear before the Supreme Court and the Appellate Division for the ACDL-NJ again in the coming months.

"We congratulate Rachel on her new role as a Trustee of the ACDL-NJ," said Pashman Stein Partner and ACDL-NJ Past President Aidan P. O'Connor. "Rachel's commitment to leadership in the ACDL-NJ speaks to her overall dedication to the practice of criminal law and her critical work on a number of important amicus briefs and arguments to the New Jersey Supreme Court."

Established in 1985, the ACDL-NJ is the primary organized voice for the criminal defense bar in New Jersey. With more than 500 members, the ACDL-NJ advocates as amicus curiae in state and federal appellate courts on behalf of the interests of the criminal defense bar and its clients, as well as weighs in on pending legislation affecting criminal defendants. Pashman Stein partner Joseph A. Hayden, Jr. was the founder and first president of the ACDL-NJ (1985-86). Additional Pashman Stein attorneys who have served as president are partner Aidan P. O'Connor (2021-2022), Justin P. Walder (1987-88), partner

Raymond M. Brown (1989-90), and of counsel Alan Silber (1992-93). Dillon J. McGuire, Counsel, is also a Trustee for the 2022-2023 term and is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

