



## STUART REISER

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## BIOGRAPHY

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A *cum laude* graduate of Rutgers College and the Temple University School of Law, Stuart is admitted to practice before both the federal and state courts of New Jersey and New York. Stuart is a former Chairman of the District IIA Fee Arbitration Committee and is an active member of state and local bar associations.

### Education

- B.A., *cum laude*, Rutgers College (1977)
- J.D., Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law (1980)

### Practice Areas

- Business Litigation, Court Appointed Fiduciary, Local Government, Zoning and Planning, Probate Litigation, Real Estate, Commercial Transactions, Entertainment, Expert witness: Attorney Professional Liability matters.



## **Bar Admissions**

- State of New Jersey 1980
- State of New York 1981
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- United States Supreme Court



## Published Decisions of Interest

- *A&S Check Cashing, Inc. v. Rapid Check Cashing, Inc.* 2018 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2305 (interpretation of contract; extrinsic evidence precluded; collection of judgment);
- *In re Estate of Byung-Tae Oh*, 2018 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1892 (Ancillary probate; settlement of Estate action; principles of comity and collateral estoppel; award of fees);
- *Marzetta v. Tassev*, 2018 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 635 (jury trial is not available in a general equity matter if the relief sought at the outset of the case is primarily equitable and the legal relief requested is ancillary to the equitable claims presented);
- *Saddle River v. 66 East Allendale*, 424 N.J. Super. 516 (App. Div. 2012), 2013 NJ LEXIS 1089 (2013) (Eminent domain; probability of grant of variance and impact on fair market value of subject property);
- *Troma v. Centennial Pictures* 729 F. 3d 215 (2nd Cir. 2013) (personal jurisdiction under NY CPLR re: copyright infringement);
- *Koch v. Troma*, 2010 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 4925 (Partial Summary Judgment on breach of distribution agreement of video library);
- *St. George's Dragons, LP v. Newport Real Estate Group LLC*, 407 N.J. Super. 464 (App. Div. 2009) (right of first refusal; specific performance of real property);
- *Jersey York Apparel, LLC v. Ronald Platovsky*, 2008 WL 2164287 (Ch. Div. 2008) (liquidating receiver for limited liability company);
- *Shaler Properties v. Borough of Ridgefield*, 2007 WL 3982513 (Law Div. 2007) (constitutionality of rent control ordinance);
- *Alan Klarik Enterprises, Inc. v. Viva Optique, Inc.*, 2006 WL 2423552 (Cal. App.2d Dist. 2006) (successful defense of substantial commission claim);
- *Cooper v. Tomback*, 798 N.Y.S.2d 708 (N.Y. Sup. 2004) (partnership dispute regarding New York City apartment building);
- *PNE Media, LLC v. Cistrone*, 741 N.Y.S.2d. 405 (N.Y.A.D., 1st Dept. 2002) (partnership dispute relating to outdoor advertising industry);
- *Steiger v. Lenoci*, 323 N.J. Super. 529 (App. Div. 1999) (enforceability of neighborhood land use restrictions of record);
- *National Realty Counselors v. Ellen Tracy, Inc.*, 313 N.J. Super. 519 (App. Div. 1998) (unauthorized practice of law);
- *Irani v. K-Mart Corp.*, 281 N.J. Super. 383 (App. Div. 1995) (land use dispute; dismissal of action); *Reno Auto v. Prospect Park S & L.*, 243 N.J. Super. 624 (App. Div. 1990) (application of entire controversy doctrine);
- *FOP v. City of Newark*, 216 N.J. Super. 461 (App. Div. 1987) (constitutionality of drug testing of police officers);
- *National Treasury Employees Union v. Von Raab*, 489 U.S. 656, 109 S.Ct. 1384, 103 L.Ed.2d 685, 49 Empl. Prac. Dec. P 38,792, 4 IER Cases 246, 1989 O.S.H.D. (CCH) P 28,589 (U.S. La., Mar 21, 1989) (Amicus Brief)



## Awards & Recognition

New Jersey Super Lawyer (2019)



Certified Trial Attorney – New Jersey Supreme Court (2021)

New Jersey Supreme Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution (2013-2015; 2015-2017 term)

Best Lawyers in America (2007-2019)



New Jersey Super Lawyer (2005-2019)



New Jersey Top 100 Super Lawyer (2019)



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New Jersey Super Lawyer, Corporate Counsel (2009-2008)

New York Area's Top Lawyers (2007-2019)

Bergen County 201 Magazine Top Lawyers (2012-2019)

"AV" Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell



Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America



## **Seminar Presentations**

- Minority Shareholder Disputes – An Update on New Jersey Chancery Courts. NJSBA Midyear Convention, Madrid Spain (October 2017)
- Negotiating Arbitration Agreements. NJSBA Midyear Convention, Madrid Spain (October 2017) NJSBA Annual Convention, Atlantic City (May 2018)
- Hot Topics in Chancery Practice, NJSBA Annual Convention, Atlantic City (May 2016)
- Probate Litigation: A Jambalaya of Issues, NJSBA Midyear Convention, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 2015)
- Receiverships and Other Court Appointments, NJSBA Annual Convention, Atlantic City (May 2015)
- Mediation of Complex Commercial Litigation Cases, NJSBA Midyear Convention, Rome, Italy (November 2013), Annual Convention, Atlantic City (May 2014) and, NJSBA Midyear Convention, Paris, France (November 2014), Midyear Convention, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2016)
- NJ Board on Continuing Legal Education Approved Seminar, Passaic County Bar Association. “Survival in the Courts: General Equity, Chancery Division”. (June 2012 and 2015)
- Chancery Practice: Justice Robert L. Clifford Inns of Court (April 2011)
- ICLE Business Law Symposium: Ethical Ramifications in Doing Business with a Client (April 2011)
- NJ Board on Continuing Legal Education Approved Seminar: “The How & Why of Depositions: A Nuts & Bolts Primer” (June 2010)

## **Professional & Community Involvement**

- Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum (Pro Bono General Counsel to Non-Profit that operates 30 acre public arboretum in Wayne, New Jersey)
- President, Jewish Family Services Foundation
- Former Chairman, District IIA, Fee Arbitration Committee
- Master, Justice Robert L. Clifford American Inns of Court
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association
- Member, Bergen County Bar Association
- Member, Passaic County Bar Association



## TESTIMONIALS



**Stuart is highly professional, experienced and competent. He knows his stuff and is able to get the task accomplished without wasting time. Arthur Chagaris Member/ Partner at Beattie Padovano, LLC June 28, 2010 [-From LinkedIn](#)**



**Stuart personifies the class, skill and ethics to which even the most dedicated attorneys can only aspire. He is a big-time lawyer who delivers big-time results. If you need the best, then Stuart is your lawyer. Iram P. Valentin Partner at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP September 10, 2010 [-From LinkedIn](#)**



**Very keen and considerate of clients needs. To the point, carries a big stick. One of the best I have ever worked with. Francis C. De Vito Managing Member at**

**DeVito & Co., LLC October 1, 2009 [-From LinkedIn](#)**





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"I have been a client of Stuart Reiser and Shapiro Croland for 35 years. They have handled more than 75 matters for me, both corporate and personal. The level of professionalism, expertise and common sense that have prevailed have led to cost effective and successful outcomes in all the matters!! I could not ask



for more from a law firm! " Dr. Steven Abramow

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"Troma Entertainment , the longest running independent film studio has been a client for over 30 years! Troma is the home of the Toxic Avenger. We are very happy with your excellent services and fair fee structure! Our only regret is that Mr. Reiser has yet to appear in one of our movies!"



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