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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's annual Medal of Honor Awards Celebration. This evening's honorees, retired Justice Lee A. Solomon and past NJSBA President Domenick Carmagnola, represent the best our profession has to offer – as volunteers, as leaders and in their commitment to fortifying the rule of law. Both exemplify the highest standards of excellence. We are honored to present them with the Medal of Honor.

While tonight's celebration recognizes the impact that tonight's honorees have had on the legal community and the public, this evening also serves as a reminder of the impact made through the Foundation's free programs and publications.

The Foundation's mission to increase knowledge of the law and legal system is accomplished through informing, educating, training, and supporting the citizens of New Jersey. The belief that *'informed citizens are better citizens'* is reflected in everything the Foundation offers.

Every year, we reach thousands of people in New Jersey. More than 5,000 students and teachers participate in mock trial competitions for elementary, middle, and high school students. Over 3,000 schools receive free copies of our law- and civics-related publications. Over 4,600 educators attend free trainings that promote a positive school climate.

This year, 45 nonprofits received \$1.7 million in grants for cosponsored law-related education projects, helping over 100,000 around the state. In addition, 13 law students received scholarships, and the next generation of attorneys are learning skills to thrive and give back through eight Foundation-funded clinical programs at the state's law schools.

We could not accomplish all we do without the steadfast support from members of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the legal community. We appreciate the more than 700 attorney volunteers who advise, coach, and judge our mock trial competitions, and the attorneys who volunteer as part of our Speakers Bureau. It is also thanks to the strength and financial support of our community and a judicious use of resources that I am proud to share that we completed renovations and paid off the mortgage on the New Jersey Law Center. This secures its future as the home of the profession and a vibrant locale for students and the public to attend training, conferences and events. I acknowledge, with deep appreciation, all of you for this accomplishment.

On behalf of the staff and the Board of the Foundation – thank you all - honorees, sponsors, volunteers, and friends – for being here tonight and your ongoing support.

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### Greetings

**Christine A. Amalfe, Esq.**

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## Presentation of 2025 Medal of Honor Awards

**Domenick Carmagnola, Esq.**

*Introduction by: Steven F. Ritardi, Esq.*

**Justice Lee A. Solomon (Ret.)**

*Introduction by: Marc A. Rollo, Esq.*

### Wine Raffle

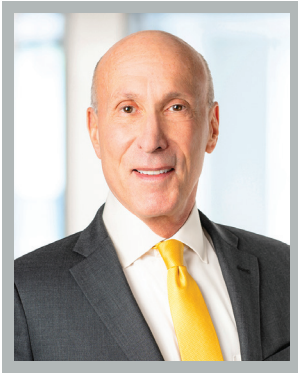
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### Closing Remarks

**Ralph J. Lamparello, Esq.**

# Justice Lee A. Solomon (Ret.)



**Justice Solomon** is known for possessing a deep understanding of the issues facing the people, businesses, and state agencies. He has a reputation for always treating those who appeared before him with respect and humility. His judicial body of work spans a wide spectrum of the law, including the areas of environmental law, civil litigation, equity, family law, and criminal law.

Justice Solomon joined Archer & Greiner, P.C. earlier this year after a decade of service on the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Justice Solomon came to the Supreme Court in 2014 after having served in all three branches of government, as a member of the New Jersey Assembly, a cabinet member serving as president of the Board of Public Utilities, and the Judiciary.

While serving on the Court, Justice Solomon led efforts to address and improve the mental health and well-being of the legal profession. As chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Wellness in the Law, he began conversations to improve the lives of all who work in the profession and the public who are served by them.

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***“It is a profound honor to be recognized with the Medal of Honor. Throughout my career, I have been privileged to serve alongside countless dedicated professionals who share a common commitment to justice, fairness, and the rule of law. This award reflects the collaborative spirit of the many individuals who strive every day to improve our legal system and our communities. The law, at its best, is a force for positive change. I accept this award with gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility to continue working towards the betterment of both our profession and the people we serve.”***

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Following his time on the State Assembly, Justice Solomon served five years as the Camden County Prosecutor and one year as Acting Prosecutor. He managed a staff of more than 260, and the State’s third largest caseload. During this time, Justice Solomon was a member of the New Jersey County Prosecutors Association and served as Vice Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee, as well as the Inter-Agency Committee.

Prior to his appointment to the Judiciary, Justice Solomon served as deputy U.S. Attorney for the southern vicinages, District of New Jersey, a position to which he was appointed in 2002 by then-U.S. Attorney Chris Christie.

Justice Solomon was first appointed to the bench in January 2006 by Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey where he served as a Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, sitting in Camden County. He was first assigned to the Family Division and was then assigned to the Criminal Division.

In February 2010, Gov. Christie named Justice Solomon to his cabinet, as president of the Board of Public Utilities where he oversaw the expansion of New Jersey’s solar program and revised the energy master plan. He remained at the BPU until December 2011, when he was nominated by Gov. Christie to return to the bench in Camden in the Civil Division. He later became Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division and Assignment Judge of the Camden Vicinage .

Justice Solomon was sworn in as an associate justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court on June 19, 2014. His term of service on the court concluded on August 17, 2024.

# Domenick Carmagnola, Esq.



**Domenick Carmagnola** is co-founder of Carmagnola & Ritardi, Attorneys at Law and a certified civil trial attorney who concentrates his practice in the areas of labor and employment law representing management and individual defendants in both the private and public sector; non-compete litigation; appellate practice; commercial litigation and business disputes.

His service to the organized bar is extensive. Prior to serving as President of the New Jersey State Bar Association (2021 to 2022), he was an Association officer and trustee, as well as chair of its Labor and Employment Section. He is an editor emeritus of the Labor and Employment Law Quarterly. He is also a past president of the Sidney Reitman Labor and Employment Law American Inn of Court and is a past President of the Essex County Bar Association (ECBA) (2002-2003), having also served

ECBA as Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Trustee. He has also served extensively as a lecturer on issues facing the profession, as well as serving as a mentor and advocate.

Domenick has received the recognition of his peers throughout his legal career. Among his many honors and awards, he has been named to New Jersey Monthly magazine's Super Lawyers list: New Jersey Super Lawyers: 2005 through 2023; Top 10 New Jersey Super Lawyers: 2007, 2009-2015, 2020, 2023; Top 100 New Jersey Super Lawyers: 2005-2023.

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Additionally, The Best Lawyers in America named Domenick "Top 40 Lawyers Under 40" by the New Jersey Law Journal in 2002 and he was the recipient of the NJSBA Young Lawyers Division "Young Lawyers of The Year: Professional Achievement Award" in 1998.

He co-authored the chapter on "Employment Torts" in the Desk Reference Book, Business Torts Litigation (ABA 1992, 1999 and 2004) and was an Editor/Chapter Co-Author of the American Bar Association publication Employment Litigation Handbook (ABA, 1998) Desk Reference and was an Editor/Chapter Author of New Jersey Labor and Employment Law, published by New Jersey ICLE (ICLE, 1998 and 2005). He was an Associate Editor of the ECBA book, Traps

for the Unwary (ECBA, 1997) and served as Chair of ECBA History Committee that compiled a book celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Essex County Bar Association. He also served as Special Editor of the Employment Law issue of New Jersey Lawyer, the Magazine published in April 1999.

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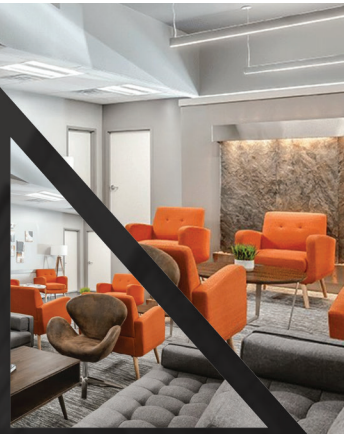
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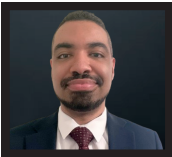


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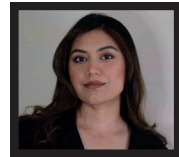
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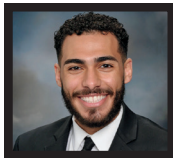
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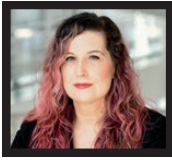


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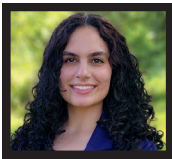
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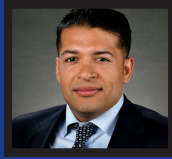


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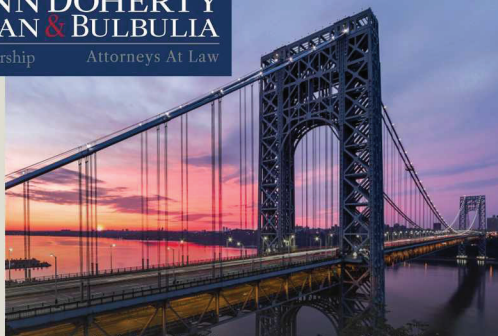
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