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EDUCATION

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law -
Newark, 1988

B.A., Rutgers University, 1984

Managing Research Editor, *Rutgers
Computer & Technology Law Journal*

Law Clerk, Hon. Nicholas Scalera,
Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate
Division

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

New Jersey
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MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, Section on
Real Property & Probate Section Council
Member; former Group and Committee
Chair (Group Chair, Estate And Fiduciary
Litigation, Ethics And Malpractice Group)

Member, Governing Council, ABA Real
Property Trust and Estate Section

Fellow, American College of Trust and
Estate Counsel (New Jersey State Chair;
Member, Fiduciary Litigation Committee)

Member, National Conference of Lawyers
and Corporate Fiduciaries

Mr. Brew represents clients in disputed matters involving estates, trusts, fiduciaries, guardianships, family issues, and closely held family businesses. Drawing on his experience in those litigated matters, he also counsels fiduciary and beneficiary clients in complex fiduciary matters and handles related estate planning and administration matters. Mr. Brew seeks to achieve the desired result in a cost-effective manner, whether through litigation in the Probate, Surrogate's or Chancery courts, or various alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Mr. Brew has handled numerous litigated and non-litigated family disputes in New Jersey and New York involving estates, trusts and guardianships, including estates as large as one billion dollars. He has represented both beneficiaries and corporate and individual fiduciaries (executors, trustee or guardians) in matters involving estate, trust and guardianship administrations. His work also involves contested family law matters, particularly those relating to estates. Mr. Brew has participated extensively in the resolution of these disputes through mediation or other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and has been appointed by courts to mediate such disputes. Mr. Brew has also represented numerous clients in the complex appeals relating to these matters, resulting in a significant number of reported decisions.

Mr. Brew counsels charitable and non-profit organizations (including universities, hospitals and national organizations) in matters involving fiduciary decisions—such as mergers, affiliation, and the disposition of charitable gifts—and, when necessary, in related litigated proceedings. He also advises on claims to enforce charitable provisions made by will, trust or gift, and handles regulatory matters involving such agencies as the Office of the Attorney General and State Banking or Insurance regulators.

Mr. Brew devotes substantial time to advancing legal issues, legal education and pro bono work. He is the author of the *New Jersey Probate Procedures Manual—Navigating a New Jersey Estate Administration* (NJ ICLE 2008). He is a contributing editor to *The New Jersey Estate Litigation Manual* (authored by Steven K. Mignogna, Esq., NJ ICLE 2006) and *The New Jersey Estate Planning Manual* (authored by Glenn A. Henkel, Esq., NJ ICLE 2007). He is an adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School (teaching New Jersey Estate Administration) and has lectured and written extensively on estate and trust matters. He has been recognized as a *New Jersey Super Lawyer* (including as one of the Top 100 lawyers in New Jersey in 2010) and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, in every one of its 2006-2019 editions. He was also named 2012, 2018 – 2019 *Best Lawyers* “Lawyer of the Year” in the Newark Litigation-Trusts & Estates category. In 2013, he was awarded the New Jersey State Bar Association Pro Bono Award for his work in representing victims of domestic violence. In 2016, Mr. Brew was listed in *Chambers USA High Net Worth 2016*, which covers private wealth management work and related specialisms in key jurisdictions around the world.