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Jennifer Mara's practice concentrates on complex business litigation and criminal defense matters. Ms. Mara's experience ranges from high profile federal criminal trials to quickly negotiated, discreet business settlements.

Jennifer's civil practice is broad based, comprised of matters involving shareholder disputes as well as breach of contract, fraud, intellectual property, antitrust and RICO claims.

In her criminal practice, Jennifer represented individuals during lengthy federal trials in the "Bridgegate" matter and the prosecution of the former Bergen County Democratic Party Chairman. She has also represented the Treasurer of a sitting United States Congressperson's Campaign in connection with a federal investigation of that Congressperson, as well as the former Executive Director of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation and the former President of the Elizabeth New Jersey School Board.

Jennifer has conducted internal investigations on behalf of corporate clients involving potential civil or criminal exposure. Similarly, she has represented individuals in connection with such investigations.

Jennifer's mixed practice of civil and criminal litigation provides her with unique experience. For example, she has represented clients in RICO and antitrust litigation in which both civil and criminal liability was at issue. Based upon her experience in that regard, Ms. Mara has acted as local counsel for large firms with high stakes matters pending in New Jersey's federal and state courts.

EDUCATION

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Articles Editor*, *Seton Hall Law Review*, 2001

Rutgers University, M.A., 1995

Rutgers University, B.A., *with Honors*, 1994

HONORS & AWARDS

Essex County Bar Association's 2017 Criminal Trial Attorney Award

New Jersey Law Journal's Top 25 Women in the Law, 2016

Listed In:

- Super Lawyers Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2013, 2014, 2017-2019
- Super Lawyers 2012-2019
- Super Lawyers Rising Star, Criminal Defense, 2009 - 2011