

SPOTLIGHT ON

THE LAW OFFICES OF PAONE, ZALESKI & MURPHY FAMILY LAW FIRM



John P. Paone, Jr. is a diplomate of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) with over 40 years of experience in the practice of family law. He is the senior partner of Paone, Zaleski & Murphy with offices in Woodbridge and Red Bank, where he limits his practice to high asset, high net

worth and complex divorce, family law and custody matters. He is an AAML-approved arbitrator.

Paone is a past chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) Family Law Section, a past president of the AAML New Jersey Chapter and a past president of the Middlesex County Bar Association. Paone has been appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to several committees relating to the practice of divorce and family law. He has served as chair of the Supreme Court Board on Attorney Certification and as a member of the Board on Continuing Legal Education. The NJSBA appointed Paone chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Legal Education. He is a past member of the NJSBA Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee which evaluates every candidate for judicial appointment or reappointment to the Supreme Court, the Superior Court and county prosecutor. He has served as co-chair of the Monmouth Bar Association Family Law Committee and presently serves as a member of that committee.

The 1996 recipient of the NJSBA Distinguished Legislative Service Award and the 2010 recipient of the ICLE Distinguished Service Award, Paone was in the first class of attorneys to be certified by the Supreme Court as a "Matrimonial Law Attorney." In 2002, the NJSBA Family Law Section awarded him its Tischler Award for his contributions to family law practice and the legal profession. In 2015, 2020 and

again for 2024, Paone was recognized as a Family Law "Lawyer of the Year" by the lawyer rating service Best Lawyers. In recognition of his continuous outstanding contributions and service, Paone received the 2023 David Pavlovsky "Service to the Bar" Award.

Paone received his B.A., with honors, from Rutgers College and his J.D., magna cum laude, from the American University Washington College of Law, where he was articles editor of the "Law Review."



Cassie Murphy is a partner at Paone, Zaleski & Murphy. Murphy focuses her practice in family law, child custody and divorce. Paone, Zaleski & Murphy has offices in Red Bank and Woodbridge.

Murphy is a Certified Matrimonial Law Attorney. She is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She is admitted to the bar in New Jersey, New

York and the District of Columbia. She is a voting member of the Family Law Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, currently serving as one of five members of the General Legislation Committee. Murphy is also currently serving a three-year term as an appointed member of the Monmouth County Family Law Committee.

Murphy authors a monthly column, "Ask Cassie," for The Journal. She is an associate editor for "New Jersey Family Lawyer," a publication of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Family Law Section. Several articles written by Murphy have been published in that periodical, including "Cohabitation and the Amended Alimony Statute: Has the Economic Needs Standard Been Replaced?" which was published in the June 2016 edition. Murphy has also spoken at several seminars on issues relating to family law.

Murphy received the honor of being included in the Super Lawyers list published by Thomson Reuters for the years 2020 through 2023. She was previously included in the Super Lawyers Rising Star list published by Thomson Reuters for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. In January 2018, Murphy received the Martin Goldin Award for excellence in the practice of family law.

Murphy is a member of the Middlesex County, Monmouth County and New Jersey State (Family Law Section) Bar Associations. She presently serves on the Middlesex County Family Law Committee.