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## Michael J. Leegan

### PARTNER

### EXPERIENCE

Michael J. Leegan is a civil-trial litigator who concentrates in the defense of insureds, insurance carriers, self-insureds, and individuals in all aspects of civil law, including matters involving premises liability, automobile accidents, products liability, general negligence, construction defect, and construction accidents in the state and district courts of New Jersey. He has tried more than 15 cases to verdict.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- New Jersey State Bar Association, Professional Lawyer of the Year, 2025
- New Jersey *Super Lawyers*, 2018–21
- New Jersey *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars

### BACKGROUND

#### ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

### EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1995
- The Catholic University of America, B.A., *cum laude*, 1992

### TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Department of Labor OSHA-10 Certification

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute
  - Atlantic Region: Director, 2012-15
  - New Jersey State Representative, 2009-12
- New Jersey Defense Association
  - Member, Past President/Board Member, 2009 to present
  - Chairman of the Board, 2008-09
  - President, 2007-08
  - President Elect, 2006-07
  - Secretary/Treasurer, 2005-06
  - Director, 2003-05
- Brennan Inn of Court: Pupil, 1997-99

### PRACTICES

Civil Litigation and Trial

Product Liability

Retail and Hospitality

Transportation

Construction Litigation and  
Counsel

### INDUSTRIES

Construction

Retail and Hospitality

Transportation

Municipalities and Public  
Entities

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#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Inter-County Youth Soccer: Assistant Coach
- Scotch Plains Fanwood Youth Baseball Association: Assistant Coach

#### PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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- Michael's published decisions include *Structure Bldg. Corp. v. Abella*, 377 N.J. Super. 467 (App. Div. 2005) and *Stricklen v. Ferrugia*, 379 N.J. Super. 296 (App. Div. 2005).

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##### PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Presenter, "The Ten Secrets to Commercial and General Liability: in 60 Minutes or Less," Plano, TX, October 21, 2019
- "Overview of General Liability and Contractual Liability Principles in New Jersey and New York," Dallas, TX, March 4, 2016

Mike also has been a presenter at the New Jersey Defense Association's Annual Convention regarding topics such as the current state of premises liability law in New Jersey, indemnification agreements, additional insured status, and case law update on automobile insurance defense. And he is a frequent speaker on trial practice and topics in his areas of concentration and an instructor for the Skills and Methods Course Seminar for New Jersey Civil Trial Practice through the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.