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### Overview

#### Curriculum Vitae

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**KATHLEEN N. FENNELLY** focuses her practice in the areas of general commercial litigation, including consumer fraud/class action defense litigation, estate litigation and guardianship matters. Ms. Fennelly appears regularly in federal and state courts in New Jersey, and has been involved with several noteworthy published opinions, including *H.M. Holdings v. Aetna Cas. & Sur.*, 154 N.J. 208 (1998); *Pfizer v. Employers Inc.*, 154 N.J. 187 (1998); and *Thiedemann v. Mercedes-Benz U.S.A., L.L.C.*, 183 N.J. 234 (2005).

Ms. Fennelly is the President of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, and is a former trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She was the President of the Morris County Bar Association in 1997, and is a founding member of the Morris County Bar Association Professionalism Committee, and the Morris County Bar Foundation. She also served as the Chairperson of the District X Fee Arbitration Committee. Ms. Fennelly is a former Law Clerk to the Honorable Daniel R. Coburn, J.S.C.

#### Awards

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- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2011, 2022), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Business Litigation, Estate & Trust Litigation, General Litigation, and Class Action/Mass Torts: Defense. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

- Martindale-Hubbell awarded her its AV Peer Review Rating, their highest level of professional excellence and a Preeminent Lawyer for 2020
- Morris County Bar Association Professionalism Award, 2020
- Morris County Bar Association Civil Practice Award, 2017
- Recognized in 2019 as part of the Morris County Bar Association Law Day Celebration as a "Woman Pioneer in the Law" for her work in expanding the role of women in the law in Morris County
- Boy Scouts of America 2013 Tribute to Women Award

## **Industries**

Government (Federal, State & Local)

## **Practices**

Class Actions

Litigation

Trusts & Estates

## **Education**

Seton Hall Law School (J.D., cum laude 1986)

Fairfield University (B.A. magna cum laude 1982)

## **Admissions**

State of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States

## **Memberships**

Morris County Bar Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

Morris County Bar Foundation

American Bar Association

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

New Jersey State Bar Foundation