

ALEXA D'AMATO BARRERA

Admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States of America,
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, New Jersey and Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW,
Camden, New Jersey**

Juris Doctor Degree, May 2001

American Bar Association—Student Member

Association of Trial Lawyers of America—Student Member

Women's Law Caucus

LRE: Legal Related Education from August 2000-May 2000

Camden County Bar Association—Student Member

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY,
Pomona, New Jersey**

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, May 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

D'AMATO LAW FIRM, P.C., Linwood, New Jersey
Attorney, April 2002 – Present

LINWOOD SCHOOL BOARD

Linwood, New Jersey

Elected Board Member, 2018 – 2021 Term

ATLANTIC COUNTY LAW DEPARTMENT

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Assistant County Counsel, September 2001-April 2002

LEVY, ANGSTREICH, FINNEY, BALDANTE, RUBENSTEIN & COREN
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Law Clerk, May 2000-September 2000

PAUL R. D'AMATO, PC, Linwood, New Jersey

Law Clerk, August 1998-May 2000

Legal Secretary, May 1993-September 1993 & May 1994-August 1998

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020 recipient of the NJAJ Meyer/Segal Award

2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 New Jersey Super Lawyers List

**2014 Richard Stockton College Professional Achievement Award for the School of
Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Star as
selected by *Law & Politics* and the publishers of *New Jersey Monthly***

2012 Inducted into Mainland Regional High School Hall of Fame

2013, 2012 Selected to The National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40

AAJ New Lawyers Division 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 appreciation award for excellence and dedication to the New Lawyers Division

2010 AAJ Wiedemann & Wysocki Award: for demonstrating a deep commitment to the highest standard and duties of trial lawyers

2010 AAJ New Lawyers Division Eagle Award for soaring the Division to new heights

2009 Atlantic County Bar Association Benjamin A. Rimm Young Lawyer of the Year Award

2007 New Jersey State Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award

2006 "Top 40 under 40" for Atlantic County, New Jersey

Who's Who Among American Law Students – 2001

AFFILIATIONS

American Association for Justice (AAJ, formerly ATLA); New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ); American Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association; Atlantic County Bar Association; National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA); Rotary International – Somers Point; Melvin Belli Society Member; Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

- **Atlantic County Bar Association**
 - Trustee from 2005 - 2009
 - Chair of the New Lawyers Division from 2004 - 2007
- **American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA)**
 - Executive Committee – Committee Member 2010-2011
 - American Association of Justice, Board of Governors 2010 - 2011
 - Political Action Committee (PAC) Task Force – Co-Chair from 2006-2011; Committee Member from 2005-2011 and 2012-2013
 - Law School Committee – Committee Member from 2007- 2010
 - Membership Oversight Committee – Committee Member from 2008- 2011 and 2012-2015
 - Membership Task Force Committee – Committee Member from 2009-2010; Committee Co-Chair from 2010-2011
 - Key Person Committee – Committee Member from 2008- 2011
 - New Lawyers Division (NLD) - Secretary for 2006-2007 term; Treasurer for 2007-2008 term; Vice Chair for 2008-2009 Term; Chair for 2009-2010 term
 - NLD Board of Governors - Board Member, since 2003
 - NLD – Chair of the Special Projects Committee – 2005-2006 and 2008-2009
 - NLD – Co-Chair of the Fundraising Committee – 2006-2007
 - NLD – Membership/Outreach Committee Member – 2004-2007
 - NLD – Publications Committee Member – 2005 -2007
 - NLD – Chair of the Sponsorship Committee – 2007-2008
 - NLD – Chair of the Education Committee – 2009-2010
 - NLD – Chair of the Social Committee – 2010-2011
- **New Jersey Association for Justice (formerly ATLA-NJ)**
 - Board of Governor from 2004 - 2014
 - Listserve Committee Member 2004-2007
 - Co-Chair of Women's Litigator Luncheon at Boardwalk Seminar from 2007-2010, then again in 2016.
 - Co-Chair of the Education Rights Committee for the 2022-23 fiscal year
- **New Jersey State Bar Association** – Auto Reparations Committee Member 2005 - 2006
- **Shore Memorial Hospital Health Foundation Leaders Alliance** – Steering Committee Member

since inception in 2007 – 2012

- Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation – Communications and State Network Committee Member and Membership Committee Member from 2005 – 2006
- Atlantic County Due Diligence/County JPAC Committee
 - 2020

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- FACES 4 Autism – Board member 2014-5/1/2018
- FACES 4 Autism - Massi's Mission – Committee member since inception in 2015 helping to save lives and prevent wandering for children on the autism spectrum.
- Ensign John R. Elliott Foundation - Board of Directors since 2009
- Atlantic County Women's Center – Advisory Committee Board Member from 2007 - 2010
- On April, 2014, March 9, 2012, February 26, 2010 and February 25, 2006 I performed in a benefit performance of the Vagina Monologues for V-Day, which is an organized response against violence towards women, with all proceeds raised from the events benefiting the Atlantic County Women's Center in Northfield, New Jersey.
- As Chair of the ATLA NLD Special Projects Committee, I worked with the People Over Profits Organization to protect American civil rights and trial by jury.
- On July 13, 2007 I helped build a Habitat for Humanity house in Chicago with other members of the AAJ's New Lawyers Division.
- On May 2, 2007 I helped build a house in Musician's Village in New Orleans for Habitat for Humanity with other members of the AAJ's New Lawyers Division.
- On February 9, 2007, I and other members of AAJ's New Lawyers Division worked on a downtown Miami Public Service/Beautification project.
- My sister, Ava D'Amato Cocchi, and I raised nearly \$6,000 holding a December 6, 2003 walk-a-thon for the Atlantic County Women's Center.
- Board of the HERO campaign current through May 2018

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- September 29, 2021 – Speaker, National Business Institute – “New Jersey Personal Injury Boot Camp”
- March 3, 2021 – Speaker, Atlantic County Car Association – “Mock Trial 2021”
- February 25, 2021 – Speaker, New Jersey Association for Justice – “Pandemic Office Procedures to Put in Place”
- February 15, 2021 – Speaker, New Jersey Association for Justice – “Ethical Issues in the Virtual Trial”
- December 13, 2019 – Speaker, National Business Institute – “Handling Pre-Existing Injury Cases”
- November 14, 2019 – Speaker, National Business Institute – “Online Legal Research, Google Scholar, MS Office and Other Technological Skills in Legal Practice”
- June 27, 2018 – Speaker, National Business Institute – Personal Injury Boot Camp – “Reviewing Insurance, Negotiating with Insurance Adjuster and Demand Packages” & “Initial Filing and Discovery Tips on Personal Injury”
- November 2, 2017 – Speaker, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Atlantic County – “The Do's and Don'ts of Social Media/Professionalism Day”
- October 19, 2017 – Speaker, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Cape May County – “The Do's and Don'ts of Social Media/Professionalism Day”
- August 11, 2017 – Speaker, New Jersey State Bar Association – “Engaging the Judge and Jury Through Storytelling”
- April 28, 2017 – Speaker, New Jersey Association for Justice – “Lay Witness Testimony: How it can Win or Lose Your Case”
- December 9, 2016 – Speaker, National Business Institute – Plaintiff's Auto Injury: Advanced Litigation Strategies - “Countering the Low-Impact Defense Strategy” & “Adhering to Ethical Requirements”
- November 21, 2016 – Speaker, EHT Special Education Resource Group – “10 Tips for a Successful IEP Meeting”
- September 24, 2016 – Speaker, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education - “2016 Hot Topics for Civil Litigators”

- August 12, 2016 – Speaker, New Jersey Bar Association / New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education – “Keys to Jury Selection”
- June 24, 2016 – Panelist, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey – Women’s Leadership Initiative – “The Power of the Purse”
- November 30, 2012 – National Business Institute – Dirty Litigation Tactics: How to Deal with the “Rambo” Litigator, Cherry Hill, NJ
- July 12, 2010 - Speaker, Resort Tort Litigation Group - "Hot Topics in Tort", AAJ 2010 Annual Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- July 11, 2010 - Moderator, Advocacy Track CLE Program: Pretrial Strategy Presented with the New Lawyers Division, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- July 12, 2009 – AAJ 2009 Annual Convention – New Lawyers Division – “David vs. Goliath: Taking on a Giant”
- July 14, 2008 – AAJ 2008 Annual Convention – Resort Torts Litigation Group – “Hotels, Casinos, Theme Parks and Public Accommodations”
- April 26, 2007 – ATLA-NJ Boardwalk Seminar 2007 - Women’s Litigator Luncheon – “The Law is a Jealous Mistress”
- October 28, 2006 – ATLA-NJ Four Concurrent Seminars – Hot Tips in Torts – “Cutting Through the Bureaucracy: How to Obtain Discovery from Governmental Agencies”
- April 22, 2005 – ATLA-NJ Boardwalk Seminar 2005 - David Ball – Demonstration Focus Groups: Watch Jurors Deliberate

PUBLICATIONS

- “When you need an injury attorney, know what to look for!”, Atlantic County Woman, Jan/Feb 2021;
- “We are thankful for our clients trust”, Atlantic County Woman, Nov/Dec 2020;
- “My reflections on womanhood, Atlantic County Woman, Sept/Oct 2020;
- “Understanding immigration status”, Atlantic County Woman, July/August 2020;
- “The Law and Covid-19”, Atlantic County Woman, May/June 2020;
- “Justice for Art”, Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2020;
- “When you need an injury attorney, know what to look for!” , Atlantic County Woman, Jan/Feb 2020;
- “What is the Biggest Secret in the Courtroom?”, Atlantic County Woman, Nov/Dec 2019;
- “What my clients wish they knew before they got hurt”, Atlantic County Woman, Sept/Oct 2019;
- “Dog Lovers Unite”, Atlantic County Woman, May/June 2019;
- “Women Who Have Made A Difference”, Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2019;
- “Are You Covered If You’re Hurt?”, Atlantic County Woman, Jan/Feb 2019;
- “You’re Not Alone”, Atlantic County Woman, Nov/Dec 2018;
- “No Case Is Too Big Or Too Small At The D’Amato Law Firm”, Atlantic County Woman, Sept/Oct 2018;
- “Monroe the Cat”, Atlantic County Woman, July/August 2018;
- “The Law Firm of Generations”, Atlantic County Woman, May/June 2018;
- “Nursing Home Safety”, Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2018;
- “It’s a New Year - Will You Have Regrets?”, Atlantic County Woman, Jan/Feb 2018;
- “Allergies, Asthma and 504 Plans, Oh My!”, Atlantic County Woman, Nov/Dec 2018;
- “From Prosecution to Personal Injury”, Atlantic County Woman, Sept/Oct 2018;
- “I Love My Team”, Atlantic County Woman, July/August 2018;
- “Wisdom From Paul D’Amato”, Atlantic County Woman, May/June 2017;
- “Are You Buying The Right Protection?” , Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2017;
- “You’re a Bully! Who, Me?!”, Atlantic County Woman, December/January 2017;
- “Dangers in Our Home”, Atlantic County Woman, September/October 2016;
- “We Focus Our Law Firm On Representing Victims!” Atlantic County Woman, July/August 2016;
- “Adults with Disabilities”, Atlantic County Woman, May/June 2016;
- “A World Without Trial Lawyers!”, Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2016;
- “A New Year- The Same Old Insurance!”, Atlantic County Woman, January/February 2016;
- “What’s Your Health Got to Do With It?”, Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2016;

- “Allergies, Asthma And 504 Plans, Oh My!”, Atlantic County Woman, November/December 2015;
- “Why Should You Have My Cell Phone Number?”, Atlantic County Woman, September/October 2015;
- “Righting The Wrongs In Atlantic County”, Atlantic County Woman, July/August 2015;
- “Personal Injury Attorney: Alexa D’Amato to the Rescue!”, Atlantic County Woman, July/August 2015;
- “What is the Biggest Secret in the Courtroom?”, Atlantic County Woman, May/June 2015;
- “What Do You Do If Someone You Love May Have Autism?”, Atlantic County Woman, March/April 2015;
- “We All Have A Wonder Woman Waiting To Escape!”, Atlantic County Woman, January/February 2015;
- “Have I Voluntarily Limited My Civil Rights?!”, Atlantic County Woman, November/December 2014;
- When You’re David Taking on Goliath, NJESQ, Vol. 1, #19, June 22, 2009, page 8;
- Book review published in Trial Magazine, June 2009, page 59 (reviewing Paul Mark Sandler, *Anatomy of a Trial: A Primer for Young Lawyers*, The Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, Inc. (2008));
- Assisted Thomas J. Vesper in writing Chapter 25, “Loss of Consortium”, in AAJ and Thomson Reuters/West’s Litigating Tort Cases, 2008;
- “Community Service for the New Lawyer”, The Sidebar, ATLA NLD, Summer 2006;
- “How to Keep Your Client’s Happy”, The Sidebar, ATLA NLD, Winter 2005.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1976
- Married to Alexander J. Barrera, Esquire in September 2007
- Son Paul D’Amato Barrera born in August 2008
- Son Massimo D’Amato Barrera born in December 2009
- Son Rocco D’Amato Barrera born in July 2011