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### Practices

Criminal Defense

Trusts & Estates

Real Estate

### Areas of Focus

Municipal Court Practice

Divorce

### Education

J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1976

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1970, *cum laude*

### Admissions

New Jersey, 1976

United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1976

Jay Ziznewski has been practicing law in Middlesex County since 1976, when he graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law. He served as an Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor and Special Deputy Attorney General from 1976 to 1979. In 1979 he joined the law firm of former Senator John E. Toolan and was a partner in the firm known as Toolan, Abbott, Ziznewski & Hollander between 1981 and 1994. He served as law director and corporation counsel for the City of Perth Amboy from 1990-1991, and as municipal attorney from 1990-1994.

In 1994 he became a shareholder of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., where he engages in the general practice of law. He is also associated with Pro Agents, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Wilentz law firm.

For over 40 years, Mr. Ziznewski has successfully handled a multitude of legal matters for numerous individuals and entities including business and professional organizations, banks, hospitals, insurance companies, professional sports teams and governmental bodies. His areas of experience include handling serious criminal and municipal court matters including DWIs and litigating substantial personal injury and commercial matters. His experience extends to divorce and family law matters and commercial and residential real estate matters. He also deals with Wills, Estates and Trust matters and has extensive experience with Powers of Attorney and Guardianship proceedings.

Mr. Ziznewski also has an impressive record of community service. His involvement in local civic affairs has included positions such as chairman of the nominating committee for the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, chairman of the 200 Club of Middlesex County, member of the Board of Directors of the D.B. Kelly Foundation for the benefit of the New Jersey State Police, and member of the Executive Board of the Middlesex County College Foundation and the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce.

His unstinting commitment to public service extends as well to membership and leadership roles in legal organizations. He has served

as a trustee of the New Jersey Institute of Municipal Attorneys, as a member of the legal committee for the New Jersey League of Community and Savings Bankers and as a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, the Middlesex County Municipal Court Practice Committee, and the Middlesex County, New Jersey State and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Ziznewski was also a strong athlete in high school and college, earning All-State and All-American honors in football and basketball at Perth Amboy High School and playing both varsity sports at the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Ziznewski has been honored by various organizations including the following: Middlesex County Bar Association – 2015 Municipal Court Attorney of the Year; Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Central New Jersey – Irishman of the Year; Jewish Renaissance Foundation and Jewish Renaissance Medical Center – Man of the Year; Perth Amboy High School – Hall of Fame; Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce – Citizen of the Year.