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Business Litigation | Securities Litigation | Class Action & Multidistrict Litigation | Government Investigations & White Collar Defense | Political and Campaign Finance Compliance | Government Affairs | Lobbying

Omar Barentto represents businesses and individuals in the resolution of a wide variety of corporate disputes. He has prosecuted and defended claims, in both state and federal courts, involving breach of contract, fraud, tortious interference with contract, restrictive covenants, shareholder oppression, breach of fiduciary duty, and federal and state securities laws claims.

In addition to his work as a litigator, Omar is a member of McCarter's Government Affairs group, and regularly advises government contractors, corporations, trade associations, political action committees (PACs), candidates, on campaign finance, pay-to-play, ethics, lobbying and conflicts of interest in connection with federal, state and local laws. Omar also represents clients in bid protest actions, challenges to certification denials, and other administrative law proceedings.

In the community, Omar serves and has served as Director of the Garden State Bar Association, Trustee of the New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association, and the Islamic Society of Essex County. He is a founding member of "The Collective" – a professional group of nearly 20 African American male attorneys – created to promote community service, business development, and mentorship among attorneys of color in large New Jersey law firms and in-house departments.

Omar is an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers Law School.

Representative Matters

Medical billing company—Regulatory investigation

Represented a medical billing company in an investigation conducted by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

Property management company—Successful securities fraud defense

Defended a property management company and its principal against federal securities fraud claims as well as pendant state law claims filed by bondholders in connection with a twice-failed municipal bond transaction involving a student housing project for a community college.

Mayoral candidate—Election contest

Secured the dismissal of an election contest brought by a defeated mayoral candidate who lost an election to our client. The dismissal followed a win at the preliminary injunction stage that allowed our client to take office.

Woman-owned company—Certification as a Minority/Women Business Enterprise

Represented a woman-owned company seeking to be certified as a Minority/Women Business Enterprise and secured a victory on appeal before the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue.

Electronic lottery payment company—Legislative drafting

Drafted legislation advocating for the passage of lottery reform in the New Jersey Legislature. The bill was signed into law by Governor Murphy and now allows residents of the State of New Jersey to purchase lottery tickets through decoupled debit as an electronic fund payment method.

Former Governors of New Jersey—New Jersey Supreme Court win

Represented every living former governor of New Jersey as amici curiae and argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court on their behalf in support of the pardon power afforded to the Governor through the State Constitution. The New Jersey Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Appellate Division granting the petition for expungement and remanded the matter to the trial court to enter an appropriate form of order.

Education

Rutgers Law School, JD

Eagleton Institute of Politics, Governor's Fellow

Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance, Corporate and Business Law Certificate

Syracuse University, BA

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

Massachusetts

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Memberships and Certifications

The Council of Urban Professionals (CUP)
Fellow, 2022

Garden State Bar Association
Director, 2018-2021

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)
Pathfinder, 2021

National Bar Association
Legislation Committee, 2018–2019

New Jersey Democratic State Committee Muslim Caucus
Co-Chair

New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association

Trustee, 2018–2019, 2019–2020

New Jersey State Bar Association
Leadership Academy Fellow, 2021–2022

New Leaders Council
Fellow, 2020

Rutgers Law School Alumni Association
President, 2022
Trustee, 2019–2022

Recognitions*

The Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation; Government Relations Practice, New Jersey, 2022–2024

New Jersey Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2022–2024

New Leaders Council, New Jersey Chapter, Progressive Change Maker Award, 2023

New Leader of the Bar, *New Jersey Law Awards*, 2022

NJSBA Leadership Academy, Fellow, 2021–2022

Service to the Community Award, New Jersey State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, 2020

Trailblazer in the Muslim Legal Community, Rutgers Muslim Law Student Association, 2019

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Alerts

2024 New Jersey Legislative Transitions, Government Affairs Alert, 2.1.2024

A Look Ahead: Governor Murphy's State of the State and the 221st New Jersey Legislature, Government Affairs Alert, 1.10.2024

New Jersey General Election Results, Government Affairs Alert, 11.8.2023

Governor Murphy Appoints Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti as Chief of Staff, Government Affairs Alert, 9.26.2023

FY2024 New Jersey Budget Review, Government Affairs Alert, 5.30.2023

The Elections Transparency Act: What You Need to Know About NJ's New Campaign Finance and Pay-to-Play Law, Government Affairs Legal Alert, 4.12.2023

Liu v. SEC—Supreme Court Limits SEC's Ability to Seek Disgorgement, Litigation Alert, 7.7.2020

New Jersey Biotechnology Task Force Recommends Angel Investor Tax Credit Program Expansion, 8.10.2018

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