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After Hours: Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey; Blank Rome

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The **Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey** announced the 2020 William J. Brennan Jr. Award recipient and the swearing-in of its new officers and trustees. The virtual ceremony was held on June 11. The 2020 William J. Brennan Jr. Award will be presented to Judge **Patty Shwartz** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, at the William J. Brennan Jr. Reception scheduled for Sept. 30. The award honors the legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brennan's devotion to free expression and is given to an outstanding jurist, attorney, or other individual whose contributions to the

law deserve special recognition.

In addition, Judge **Garrett E. Brown Jr.**, former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, swore in **Kerri E. Chewning**, of Archer & Greiner in Haddonfield, as the association's new President. The association also installed new officers and trustees, including: **Rebekah Conroy**, treasurer (**Stone Conroy**, Florham Park); **Elizabeth J. Sher**, president-elect (**Day Pitney**,

Morristown); **Ricardo Solano Jr.**, first vice president (**Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman**, Newark); **Victor A. Afanador**, second vice president (**Lite DePalma Greenberg**, Newark); **Susan M. Leming**, secretary (**Brown & Connery**, Westmount); and **Edward T. Kole**, immediate past president (**Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer**, Woodbridge).

Kevin Bruno Reappointed Division Director of ABA Section of Litigation



Kerri Chewning of Archer & Greiner in Haddonfield – Photo by Carmen Natale/ALM



Blank Rome partner **Kevin J.**

Bruno , who serves as co-chair of the firm's energy, environment and mass torts practice group, was reappointed to the leadership of the **American Bar Association** Section of Litigation, and will serve his fourth term as one of the section's division directors for the 2020-2021 year. In his role as division director, Bruno will supervise substantive committees of the section, as well as collaborate with ABA's leaders to further the association's goals. He is a partner in Blank Rome's Princeton and Philadelphia offices. The Section of Litigation is the largest section of the ABA. It aims to provide litigators of all practice areas with the resources needed to become successful and experienced advocates. Bruno has held various leadership positions within the section, including serving as co-chair of its 2,000-member Environmental and Energy Litigation Committee and co-chair of its Expert Witnesses Committee. He also continues to serve as the section's liaison to the ABA's Special Committee on Section, Division, and Forum Coordination.

Kevin J. Bruno

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