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A seasoned trial lawyer, negotiator, and crisis manager, Chris possesses a rare combination of real-world pragmatism and strategic problem-solving skills forged in courtrooms, in the halls of government, and in the glare of the national media spotlight. Chris returned to Lowenstein Sandler in 2018 after serving as the 60th Attorney General of New Jersey. Previously, he served as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie.

As Chair of the firm's Litigation department, Chris helps Fortune 500 clients achieve critical goals and defend against seemingly insurmountable challenges. He advises and represents businesses and individuals in civil, criminal, and regulatory matters involving securities, consumer fraud, banking, alcoholic beverage control, gaming, cannabis, energy, insurance, tax, antitrust, real estate, and the environment, among others. He also conducts internal investigations for clients faced with allegations of wrongdoing or suspected wrongdoing by insiders.

Chris is a skilled and media-savvy crisis manager who works with private and public companies, governments, not-for-profits, and individuals regardless of political affiliation. As Chief Counsel during "**Bridgegate**," he guided a Republican administration through adversity. More recently, he was hired by the Democratic administration of Governor Phil Murphy to represent his office in connection with a legislative inquiry into an alleged sexual assault and certain hiring practices.

While leading one of the most powerful Attorney General Offices in the nation, Chris indicted and convicted the mayor of New Jersey's third-largest city. He oversaw the implementation of bail reform, the most significant reform of New Jersey's criminal justice system in its history, via a model that is now being replicated nationally. The *New York Times* called the reform a "historic day for civil rights."

As Attorney General, Chris took forceful action against anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination, and pioneered the country's strictest opioid prescribing rules, paving the way for an almost immediate and very steep reduction in the number of opioid painkillers prescribed by physicians in New Jersey. His approach has been followed by other state Attorney Generals. In addition, Chris worked to improve trust between police and the communities they serve, and led the planned closure of a Civil War-era youth prison in one of the most significant reforms in the history of the state's juvenile justice system.

Chris first entered public service in 2012 as Director of the Division of Law within the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. In that post, he led a team of 500 civil lawyers, overseeing thousands of litigation matters and dozens of trials on behalf of the state's various departments and agencies, including the Departments of Environmental Protection, Banking and Insurance, and Transportation, as well as the Division of Consumer Affairs. As Director, he personally handled and argued some of the state's most sensitive and important cases, both at the trial court level and in the New Jersey Supreme Court. As Chief Counsel, where as one of only two direct reports to the Governor, Chris had broad responsibility for judicial appointments, legislative matters, and all state authorities, including the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Earlier in his career, he served as a law clerk to then-Magistrate Judge, now Chief Judge Freda L. Wolfson of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

HONORS & AWARDS

> **NJBIZ: Law Power 50 (2020-2021)**

> **The ROI Influencers Power List: Lawyers (2019-2021)**

Recognized as one of New Jersey's most powerful and influential people in the legal industry

> **NJBIZ: Power 100 (2015, 2017, 2020-2021)**

> **Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (all years eligible since 2009)**

Recognized as an "absolutely top-notch litigator" with a unique ability to "get matters resolved quickly," and as a trial lawyer who "invariably makes the right choices"

> **New Jersey Law Journal: Attorney of the Year (2018)**

Awarded to a lawyer who "made his or her mark on the profession, and in the law, with an achievement that goes beyond service to the client." Chris received the honor in recognition of his significant achievements while serving as New Jersey State Attorney General, as profiled in the law journal's **video** and **article**.

> **The College of New Jersey's Criminology Student Association: Gene Carte Memorial Award (2018)**

Received the Gene Carte Memorial Award for criminal justice reform efforts and other achievements while serving as New Jersey State Attorney General

> **Newark North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen (2018)**

Received the Dr. Edward W. Verner Award for outstanding service to the people of New Jersey

> **PolitickerNJ Power List (2017)**

> **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) (2017)**

Received Achievement Award for "Bridging the Gap" Between Communities and Police

> **Seton Hall University School of Law (2017)**

Received Public Servant Award

> **Chabad House – Lubavitch (2016)**

Received Ner Tamid, Eternal Light Award

> **Super Lawyers (all years eligible since 2009)**

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Publications

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"We can't legislate the public's trust in police," *NJ.com*

Christopher Porrino

> December 22, 2020

"New Jersey's new police use of force policy is another step in the right direction," *NJ.com*

Christopher Porrino, Elie Honig

> November 15, 2020

"Now that the election is over, can we fix our federal courts?," *NJ.com*

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> April 14, 2020

"PPP Loans For Startups/Growth Companies—Former Attorney General's Perspective—Lessons From Hurricane Sandy & 9/11," *Forbes*

Ed Zimmerman, Christopher Porrino, Elie Honig, Kathleen A. McGee, Kimberly E. Lomot, Lowell A. Citron

> March 24, 2020

"Price Gouging Investigations Are Ramping Up—What Your Business Needs to Know," *Litigation Client Alert*

Christopher Porrino, Peter Slocum, Kathleen A. McGee,

> March 22, 2020

"Essential" Versus "Non-Essential" Under New York, New Jersey, and Federal Law," *Litigation Client Alert*

Christopher Porrino, Peter Slocum,

> March 20, 2020

"Are you "essential"?", *Litigation Client Alert*

Christopher Porrino, Peter Slocum

> February 14, 2020

"Illinois bail reformers: New Jersey's model works, plain and simple.," *Chicago Tribune*

Christopher Porrino, Elie Honig

> January 28, 2020

"N.Y. please read this. Your bail reform is in trouble because you're making 2 big mistakes.," *NJ.com*

Christopher Porrino, Elie Honig

> January 16, 2019

"Law Enforcement Ramps Up Enforcement of EDA Incentives," *Litigation Client Alert*

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> November 2018

"New Jersey's former top prosecutors: Bail reform isn't easy, but it works," *Westlaw Journal White-Collar Crime*

Christopher Porrino, Elie Honig

> July 16, 2018

"Ex-N.J. attorney general: We must fix the American bail system. N.J. is the model.," *The Star Ledger*

Elie Honig, Christopher Porrino

In the Media

> September 15, 2021

Law360 reports that **McKenzie Wilson**, former Deputy Chief Counsel to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, will be joining Lowenstein Sandler as counsel in the firm's **White Collar Criminal Defense** practice. **Christopher Porrino**, Chair of the firm's **Litigation** Department, former New Jersey Attorney General, and former Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie, notes Wilson's "invaluable experience" managing the state's response to COVID-19. "She's lived through perhaps the greatest crisis of our time and came out of it a shining star in the Governor's office," he says, adding: "We do a lot of crisis work here. We handle significant crises for our clients, and McKenzie has already been battle-tested in ways that people who practice law for 40 years haven't been battle-tested."

Gary M. Wingens, Lowenstein's Chair and Managing Partner, says, "We are thrilled that McKenzie Wilson has chosen to join our litigation practice, adding further depth and breadth to our team of accomplished litigators with significant experience in government service."

Wilson's arrival highlights the firm's ongoing success in attracting prominent, accomplished former prosecutors and public servants from both sides of the aisle to its ranks. Most recently, **Matthew J. Platkin**, former Chief Counsel to Murphy, joined the firm as partner in the White Collar Criminal Defense group. Porrino says, "We have a trusting relationship with the Governor's office. We have had the fortune of being able to get to know a number of key personnel who work for the Governor."

Wilson's pending arrival to Lowenstein is also highlighted in the **New Jersey Globe** and **ROI-NJ**.

> June 23, 2021

Numerous media outlets report on the relaunch of the **Newark Police Foundation**, chaired by **Christopher Porrino**, the 60th Attorney General of New Jersey and Chair of Lowenstein's **Litigation Department**. Porrino announced the foundation's Cops and Kids Community Policing Contest, which will award grants to Newark police precincts for developing a sustainable community policing program aimed at youth engagement, at a barbecue attended by Newark students; Newark Police (with motorcycles, horses, and a police helicopter); Newark Mayor Ras Baraka; Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara; Attorney General Gurbir Grewal; and Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey Rachael Honig.

In **NJBIZ**, Porrino says, "The time to build relationships in communities is not when you have a crisis. ... It's too late then. The relationships have to be built way in advance, and our point in jumpstarting this effort and holding this event is the place to start is really with kids."

In coverage of the event by **NBC New York**, he adds: "Trust is absolutely vital. When trust is lacking, that's when bad things happen."

In **NJ.com**, he continues: "There's lots of very smart lawmakers in Washington, D.C. and Trenton who are looking to change the law. That's great and that's fine. That creates a better environment for trust. But you can't create trust unless you're out face-to-face."

In **ROI-NJ**, Porrino states: "This is a nuts-and-bolts approach to building trust from the ground up. It's about reaching kids before they get to the point where they have serious mistrust of law enforcement. And the way you build trust is by engaging with each other, getting to know one another and learning to trust one another."

He hopes that the foundation will inspire other cities to launch similar initiatives. "This kind of an effort can have tremendous impact," Porrino tells **NJBIZ**. "Now is the time." He also believes that Newark is the right place, noting that the city's peaceful protests this past summer "didn't happen by accident. The reason why, in my judgment, the protests were peaceful was because there was already a foundation of trust and engagement on the part of law enforcement in Newark and the community and also terrific engagement on the part of the mayor's office."

The event was also covered by **WBGO**.

> April 21, 2021

Comments by **Christopher Porrino**, former Attorney General of New Jersey and Chair of Lowenstein's **Litigation** department, are included in an **NJ.com** roundup of observations by New Jersey's leaders in criminal justice about the impact of the Chauvin verdict. Porrino says: "Trust is everything when it comes to safe and effective policing – trust between the police and the communities they serve. ... If there had been an acquittal or even mistrial in the Derek Chauvin case (which could have been caused by one holdout of 12 jurors) that would have been the Chernobyl of trust-eradicating events in New Jersey and around the country – one that would have taken many years for New Jersey to repair."

> March 19, 2021

ROI-NJ and **Law360** report that an appellate court has affirmed the 2019 decision by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to award Zero Emission Certificates to Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. (PSEG) to help operate the state's three nuclear power plants. Former Attorney General of New Jersey **Christopher Porrino**, Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** Department, and **Peter Slocum**, former First Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey, represented PSEG.

> March 17, 2021

Christopher Porrino, Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** department and former New Jersey Attorney General, is quoted in **The New York Times** on the crisis facing New Jersey's federal courts resulting from the high number judicial vacancies and compounded by the challenges of the pandemic. "Companies and their employees depend on the timely resolution of their disputes," Porrino says. "Lives and livelihoods literally hang in the balance." The front-page article also cites Porrino's November NJ.com opinion piece, "**Now that the election is over, can we fix our federal courts?**"

> February 22, 2021

Christopher Porrino, former New Jersey Attorney General and Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** department, has again been included in the **NJBIZ Power 100**. The publication notes that "political agnosticism serves [Porrino] well" and adds one observer's comment that "I don't think there's a more important corporate lawyer in New Jersey today. His client list isn't public, but it's the most impressive client list of any lawyer in New Jersey."

> December 21, 2020

In a video interview with **NJBIZ**, **Christopher Porrino**, Chair of Lowenstein's **Litigation** department and former Attorney General of New Jersey, discusses the log jam of judicial appointments in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. He calls it "a priority that needs to be resolved," not just for overworked judges, criminal defendants, and their families awaiting trials, but for the business community: "[O]ne thing I know about litigation is the cases that take longer don't get cheaper. And so businesses end up paying more for those outcomes because they're dragging out over a longer period."

Porrino describes the volume and complexity of cases in the state as "unmatched anywhere else in the country ... [E]ven at full strength, 17 full time district court judges is not enough." But he expresses confidence that "the message is being heard, and our leadership will respond" by filling the vacancies and possibly adding more judgeships.

He also addresses the transition to litigating in a pandemic. "I was astounded how quickly and easily we were able to move into a remote environment as lawyers," Porrino says,

adding that Lowenstein stayed focused on maintaining its strong pro bono practice and providing critical information to the business community.

> September 14, 2020

Law.com features the comments of **Christopher Porrino**, Chair of Lowenstein's **Litigation** department and former Attorney General of New Jersey, in an article on investigations of possible fraud in the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Porrino says, "What people don't understand is that there is tremendous political pressure to get the money out the door. ... The people who are responsible for getting the money out the door are in a different section of government than the people in charge of auditing, and have different motivations." He warns that PPP fraud investigations may increase if Joe Biden wins the presidential election: "The new administration will feel much less attached to the grants, and the process around the grants. Unfortunately, the grantees are the ones that will lose."

Porrino calls the standard applied for determining whether PPP applicants needed government assistance "pretty mushy. ... You just hope that people were careful and papered their files and can demonstrate that they applied for the money in good faith, as opposed to an auditor or investigator revealing to the contrary, that the application was not made in good faith. I think this look back is going to create an enormous amount of activity for applicants and for defense lawyers."

> May 21, 2020

Christopher Porrino, former New Jersey Attorney General and Chair of Lowenstein's **Litigation** Department, speaks to **ROI-NJ** about law enforcement's aggressive pursuit of alleged price gougers. He says, "Now, not only is the state pursuing civil penalties against those who price-gouge, for the first time in memory, federal authorities are seeking criminal penalties using a 1950s era statute. ... The pursuit of criminal penalties in New Jersey is unprecedented in this context, and those businesses that enter the supply chain for scarce personal protective equipment need to beware. This aggressive criminal enforcement is not something legal scholars and law firms predicted, but it is happening at a fevered pace right now in New Jersey and around the country."

> March 26, 2020

Former Attorney General of New Jersey **Christopher Porrino** discusses price gouging during the **COVID19** pandemic, how it is defined, and what businesses can do to avoid legal trouble in his interview with **ROI-NJ**.

> March 23, 2020

In **Law.com**, **Christopher Porrino**, former Attorney General of New Jersey and now Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** department, discusses the impact on law firms of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's executive order closing nonessential businesses. Executive Order 107 does not mention law firms, but its accompanying FAQs advise that they may continue to operate but must accommodate employees working from home "wherever practicable." Porrino says, "I don't think lawyers deserve any special or different treatment. We all need to do our part."

> February 27, 2020

Christopher Porrino, former Attorney General of New Jersey and now Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** department, was named to the **ROI Influencers Power List 2020**, which notes that "[f]ew lawyers in the state have achieved the respect of their peers the way Porrino has. His principles and ability have enabled him to move in and out of public service – including a stint as the state's attorney general – while setting an example for others to do the same."

> February 17, 2020

Christopher Porrino, former New Jersey Attorney General and now Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** department, was named to the **NJBIZ 2020 Power 100**, which notes his ability to represent interests on both sides of the aisle. "To the extent that New Jersey has a go-to lawyer right now on government policy issues, it's Chris. Everybody likes him, and everybody seems to be using him." An "insider" tells the magazine: "No one moves more smoothly back and forth between government service and the private sector—nor ruffles fewer feathers."

> February 15, 2020

Christopher Porrino appears on **News 12 New Jersey's** "Power & Politics" to discuss the status of bail reform in New York and New Jersey, the latter having been launched during his tenure as Attorney General of New Jersey.

> February 14, 2020

Christopher Porrino, Chair of Lowenstein's **Litigation** department, and special counsel **Elie Honig** published an opinion piece in the **Chicago Tribune** urging Illinois to adopt the New Jersey model of bail reform because "it works" and not to reinvent the wheel as New York state has unsuccessfully attempted.

They write: "New Jersey's bail reform program was implemented in 2017 after years of careful study and bipartisan negotiation. ... New Jersey has since enjoyed precipitous drops in violent crime, major decreases (over 29%) in pretrial incarceration, and virtually no change in recidivism or court appearance rates. And New Jersey taxpayers save hundreds of millions of dollars by not having low-risk, nonviolent offenders needlessly incarcerated."

The authors hope that Illinois will join what has become a national movement to change the country's broken cash bail system while continuing to protect communities.

> October 24, 2019

Kenneth A. Rosen, **Christopher Porrino**, and **Philip J. Gross** are mentioned in the **Jewish Standard's** piece on the 13th Annual Jewish Law Symposium, which explored ethical lessons from "Fiddler on the Roof." The symposium is designed for attorneys across New Jersey who are interested in exploring the ethical and moral dilemmas they might face today, as lawyers, through the lens of both civil and Talmudic law. Rosen served as the event's chair.

> October 15, 2019

Christopher Porrino, Chair of the **Litigation** department at Lowenstein Sandler, comments for **ROI-NJ** on former Lowenstein partner Paul Matey, now a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit: "In 2018, Judge Matey, who was then Paul Matey, joined Lowenstein Sandler. In his short time at the firm, Judge Matey made a lasting impression. As he had done over his entire career, he was called upon to handle the most complex cases and most difficult client challenges. And he did so absolutely brilliantly. But having Judge Matey serving the public again is a great win for all of us. Because, whether you are liberal or conservative or somewhere in the middle, when a person with the integrity, skill and brilliance of Judge Matey devotes himself to public service, we all win."

> June 24, 2019

Lowenstein Chair and Managing Partner **Gary M. Wingens** was named to **NJBIZ's Law Power 50**, which recognizes lawyers' "skills and acumen [in the] courtroom, the boardroom, legislative chambers or at the bargaining table." The article notes the growth of Lowenstein under Wingens' decade of leadership, with a 14 percent jump in revenue

from 2017 to 2018 "when only 11 of the top 200 U.S. firms grew more than 10 percent." In addition to citing that "[i]n the last decade, the firm's New York office has more than tripled, and offices have grown from its Roseland HQ to offices in Palo Alto, California; Washington, D.C.; and Utah," the article states that it is "not just quantity, though, it's quality: big names like former state attorneys general **Chris Porrino** and **Anne Milgram** have joined in recent years." It also mentions Wingens' role in creating the **Lowenstein Center for the Public Interest** and its advocacy for the legal rights of immigrant children and families at the southern border.

> April 1, 2019

The American Lawyer features Lowenstein Sandler's recent "lateral hiring spree of government lawyers and prosecutors" in an article on the arrival of new partners and former government litigators **Rachel Maimin** and **Greg Baker**. Both Maimin, former SDNY assistant U.S. attorney, and Baker, former senior counsel at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, praised Lowenstein's "commitment to growing its white-collar practice," in addition to the strength of its investment management and funds practice, as critical elements attracting them to the firm.

The piece notes that since former Attorney General of New Jersey **Anne M. Milgram** joined the firm in July 2017 as special counsel and former Attorney General of New Jersey **Christopher Porrino** returned to the firm in 2018, Lowenstein has welcomed several former prosecutors and government lawyers. The firm's **Litigation** team now includes former First Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey **Peter Slocum**; former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York **Ryan M. Wilson**; former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York **Elie Honig**; and former Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey **Shontae D. Gray**.

Porrino, Chair of the firm's Litigation group, says that "he expected the firm's 'talent binge' to continue. ... 'We're focused on talent and we're focused on experience and I think Rachel and Greg are great examples of that.'" (*This article also appeared in the **New Jersey Law Journal** and on **Yahoo! Finance** and **Yahoo! News**.*) (*subscription required to access certain content*) [View Lowenstein's news announcement about Maimin and Baker joining the firm.](#)

> March 29, 2019- April 12, 2019

Christopher Porrino is featured in **ROI-NJ**, **NJBIZ**, and **Law360** discussing the ongoing investigation of EDA grants by the New Jersey Tax Incentive Task Force. (*subscription required to access certain content*)

> March 12-14, 2019

Paul B. Matey's confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is highlighted in **NJBIZ**, **ROI-NJ**, the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey's (CIANJ) **Business Beat** newsletter, the **New Jersey Globe**, **FindLaw**, **New Jersey Appellate Law**, and the **ABA Journal**. **ROI-NJ** and **Business Beat** quote Chair and Managing Partner **Gary M. Wingens** and partner **Christopher Porrino**. Wingens states that Matey's background "makes him a great choice to join the Third Circuit, and his appointment to the federal bench dovetails nicely with our firm's long-held commitment to public service." Porrino offers well wishes and notes his enthusiasm to see the "great contributions Matey will make to the Third Circuit and to the federal judiciary." [View Lowenstein's news announcement about Matey's confirmation.](#)

> March 8, 2019

Law.com highlights how Lowenstein Sandler's **White Collar Criminal Defense** practice has grown rapidly through the recent recruitment of experienced former prosecutors, including **Paul B. Matey**, **Ryan M. Wilson**, **Peter Slocum**, **Elie Honig**, **Kathleen A. McGee**, and two former New Jersey Attorneys General, **Anne M. Milgram**, and **Christopher Porrino**. The article quotes Chair and Managing Partner **Gary M. Wingens**, who states that the practice's notable growth in business and top-tier talent is the result of a deliberate effort to increase "the depth and breadth of our skill set." He cites Milgram's heading an internal investigation on behalf of the Dallas Mavericks as an example of the caliber of work the group handles and notes that "clients want to see critical mass in the practice" and a team of lawyers "with different backgrounds who can handle lots of parallel investigations."

> February 28, 2019

A "great lawyer," **Christopher Porrino** has been named to **ROI**'s 2019 Influencers Power List for his current representation of Governor Phil Murphy's office and his former roles as New Jersey Attorney General and Chief Counsel to Governor Christie.

> February 28, 2019

Christopher Porrino is quoted in **Real Estate NJ** in an article discussing the task force investigating incentives awarded to companies by the NJ Economic Development Authority. Those companies that have been awarded incentives ought to be proactive, according to Porrino, so as to ensure compliance rather than waiting until the investigators call.

> January 21, 2019

Christopher Porrino discusses the recent audit of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) and advises companies that received EDA grant incentives to ensure that they have complied with all requirements to prevent clawback claims. In an interview with **ROI-NJ**, Porrino provides insight into his time working closely with the EDA while New Jersey Attorney General, sharing his understanding of the EDA's procedure and missteps that can happen along the way. He emphasizes that it is important to have someone who understands state government, the interplay between the AG's office and the EDA, and the compliance requirements of grants, noting **Paul B. Matey**'s work with the Governor's office. Porrino notes the priority of this audit for the EDA and the AG's office, and stresses that companies should ensure that required thresholds are met and adjustments for disclosure are made prior to a visit from the AG's office.

> October 21-26, 2018

NJ Spotlight, **NorthJersey.com**, **NJ.com** (article 1; article 2), **The Associated Press**, **NJTV News**, **Law360**, **Politico**, **The Daily Journal**, the **Asbury Park Press** and **NJTV Reporter's Roundtable** highlight **Christopher Porrino**'s representation of democratic Governor Phil Murphy's Office. In anticipating collaborating with Porrino on this matter, Senate President Steve Sweeney referred to Porrino as "brilliant" and "honest" when Sweeney recalled working with him during Porrino's tenure as New Jersey State Attorney General and Governor Chris Christie's Chief Counsel.

> October 4, 2018

Christopher Porrino is featured in **NJ.com** for his speech addressing cannabis legalization at NJ Cannabis Insider Live. Porrino discussed practical tips for applicants, the legal risks for licensees, and law enforcement challenges.

> July 30-31, 2018

ROI features **Christopher Porrino** in four articles inspired by his tenure as New Jersey's 60th Attorney General. "**Porrino earns glowing praise from current AG Grewal**" includes current New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal's highly complimentary remarks about Porrino that Grewal recorded for a video produced when Porrino was announced as a

finalist for the *New Jersey Law Journal's* **2018 Attorney of the Year** award. In "**Looking back—fondly,**" an in-depth Q&A, Porrino reflects on his time as the state's Attorney General, the role that office plays in New Jersey, and his return to Lowenstein Sandler. He offers his perspective in another piece that asks, "**Does Porrino think New Jersey should elect its attorney general?**" The fourth article, "**Porrino on how he used the media to help him do his job as attorney general**" quotes him at length regarding how he leveraged the media's power to keep the public informed and to accomplish his goals as the state's lead prosecutor.

> July 17, 2018

Politico's "**New Jersey Playbook**" quotes **Christopher Porrino** and **Elie Honig's** *Star Ledger* Op-Ed, "**Ex-N.J. attorney general: We must fix the American bail system. N.J. is the model.**" (*subscription required to access article; also posted at this link*)

> June 22, 2018

The **New Jersey Law Journal** announces **Christopher Porrino** as **2018 Attorney of the Year**. The article quotes his remarks following the award announcement and discusses his accomplishments as New Jersey's 60th Attorney General. The journal also published a **video profile** featuring colleagues' personal insights and compliments about Porrino. (*subscription required to access article*)

> June 15, 2018

The **New Jersey Law Journal** profiles **Christopher Porrino**, who reflects on his tenure as New Jersey's 60th Attorney General and on how that experience has enhanced the client service he offers as a lawyer in private practice at Lowenstein. (*subscription required*)

> June 11-12, 2018

The **New York Law Journal** (including **this abbreviated coverage**), **Law360**, and **ABL Advisor** highlight **Ryan M. Wilson's** return to Lowenstein, now as partner in the **Capital Markets Litigation** and **White Collar Criminal Defense** practices, following his tenure as an Assistant U.S. Attorney on President Obama's Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Task Force in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. **Law360** quotes Wilson on his government experience and mentions **Zachary D. Rosenbaum** (Chair, Capital Markets Litigation) as a draw in coming back to the firm. All three articles quote Wilson on his reasons for returning to Lowenstein, and they note that Wilson is the latest in a series of former prosecutors and trial lawyers to join or return to the firm. Each article mentions one or more of the following former government lawyers who have come to Lowenstein in the past few years: **Christopher Porrino** (Chair, **Litigation Department**), **Kathleen A. McGee**, **Elie Honig**, **Scott B. McBride**, and **Matthew Boxer**. (*subscription required to access the New York Law Journal and Law360*)

> June 5-6, 2018

The **New Jersey Law Journal**, **Law360**, **NJBIZ**, and **Business Beat** (published by the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey) highlight **Elie Honig's** joining Lowenstein as special counsel following his tenure as Director, Department of Law and Public Safety, in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. All four publications quote Lowenstein **Litigation Department** Chair **Christopher Porrino** on the move. The **New Jersey Law Journal**, **Business Beat** and **Law360** quote Honig, and **Business Beat** includes a quote from **Michael B. Himmel**, Chair, **White Collar Criminal Defense**. (*subscription required to access Law360 article*)

> May 3, 2018

In an article discussing a U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey panel about women in the law, **Law360** quotes **Christopher Porrino** on the need for focused action to ensure women's advancement and diversity in the legal profession. (*subscription required to access article*)

> January 2018

Christopher Porrino's return to Lowenstein Sandler following his tenure as New Jersey Attorney General is highlighted in **Law360**, **New Jersey Business**, **NJBIZ**, **Return on Information - New Jersey**, and **The New Jersey Law Journal**.

> January 14, 2018

In an interview with the **Star Ledger**, **Christopher Porrino** reflects on his position as New Jersey Attorney General.

> December 2017

Christopher Porrino comments on the nomination of his friend and colleague, Gurbir Grewal, as the next New Jersey Attorney General, as highlighted on **CBS 2 New York, NJ.com**, and **NorthJersey.com** and in the **Chicago Tribune** and **New Jersey Law Journal**.

> November 24, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted in a **New York Times** article focused on his "SafeStop" campaign, which is designed to educate citizens about their rights and obligations during police stops.

> November 16, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** published an opinion piece on **NJ.com** about the need for trust between civilians and police and his SafeStop campaign.

> November 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted in **Observer** and **U.S. News & World Report** (among other outlets) regarding the conviction of Paterson Mayor Jose Torres for conspiracy to commit official misconduct.

> November 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted on **NorthJersey.com** and **News12 New Jersey** (among other outlets) regarding a statewide campaign to promote safer encounters between police officers and citizens during traffic stops.

> October 31, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** comments in a **Philadelphia Inquirer** article about New Jersey's bail reform laws, which earned an "A" grade in a report by the Pretrial Justice Institute.

> October 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted in the **New York Post, The Times of Israel, and The Algemeiner** (among other outlets) regarding his efforts to combat anti-Semitic and discriminatory practices in Mahwah, New Jersey, and other towns. His comments later appear in a January 31, 2018 **NJ.com** article on Mahwah's settlement with the Bergen Rockland Eruv Association.

> October 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted in **Reuters, NJ Spotlight, Observer, and NJ.com** (among other outlets) on the state's suits against drug companies for their role in the opioid epidemic.

> October 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted on **News12 New Jersey** and **NJ.com** (among other outlets) on changes to opioid prescribing rules.

> September 28, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** discusses phone and email scams targeting senior citizens in an interview on **Fox 5 NY**.

> August 29, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** discusses the Safe Care Cam program, which provides free 30-day loans to anyone who suspects their loved one is being abused or neglected by home health aides or in-home caregivers in an interview on **Fox 5 NY**.

> August 24, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** discusses the state's efforts to combat the rise of fentanyl in an interview with **NJTV News**.

> July 3, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** discusses the state's tough regulations on opioid prescriptions and focus on doctors who improperly prescribe opioid painkillers in an interview with **Fox News**.

> July 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted in **NJTV Online** and **Courier Post** regarding mandatory de-escalation and cultural awareness training for all police across New Jersey.

> May 2017

New Jersey Attorney General **Christopher Porrino's** guidelines toughening New Jersey's bail reform system are highlighted in **Politico** and **NJ.com**.

> February 13, 2017

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** discusses the state's multifaceted approach to fighting the opioid crisis in an interview on **Fox 5 NY**.

> October 13, 2016

New Jersey Attorney General **Christopher Porrino's** directive for police and prosecutors on how to handle New Jersey's bail overhaul is discussed on **NJ.com**.

> October 6, 2016

As New Jersey Attorney General, **Christopher Porrino** is quoted in the **Star Ledger** regarding mandatory de-escalation and cultural awareness training for all police across New Jersey.

> June 2016

Christopher Porrino is highlighted in **Law360, NJ Spotlight, NJ.com, and NJBIZ** for his nomination as New Jersey Attorney General.

> July 2015

Christopher Porrino's return to Lowenstein Sandler after his tenure as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie and Director of the Division of Law within the New Jersey Attorney General's Office is highlighted in **NJ.com, NJBiz** and **New Jersey Business**.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

> Speaker, **GSI Briefing: A Conversation With Former Attorneys General**, Garden State Initiative, Webinar, November 17, 2020

> Speaker, **SBA Section 7(a) Loans: The Former Attorney General's Perspective**, Lowenstein Sandler LLP, Webinar, April 9, 2020

> Moderator, **44th Annual Judicial Conference**, AFBNJ, Monroe Township, NJ, April 30, 2020

> Speaker, **Corporate Counsel Symposium**, Essex County Bar Foundation, Essex Fells, NJ, October 17, 2019

> Panelist, **Ethical Lessons From Fiddler on the Roof**, 2019 Jewish Law Symposium, Whippany, NJ, September 25, 2019

> Panelist, **Natural Resource Damage Claims: A Renewed and Significant Risk for New Jersey Corporations**, Lowenstein Sandler, Roseland, NJ, November 28, 2018

> Panelist, **NJ Cannabis Insider Live**, Rahway, NJ, October 3, 2018

> Panelist, **The State Budget: How It Impacts Your Business**, Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ), Hackensack, NJ, June 1, 2018; 8:00-10:00 a.m.

> Panelist, **Navigating Internal Investigations and Fraud Prosecutions in Healthcare and Beyond**, New Jersey State Bar Association's 2018 Annual Meeting and Convention, Atlantic City, NJ, May 17, 2018; 10:00 -11:15 a.m.

> Panelist, **Opioid Epidemic Summit**, Daytop New Jersey, Mendham, NJ, May 15, 2018

- > Panelist, **A Woman's Place Is In the Courtroom**, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey Brown Bag Lunch Series, Newark, NJ, May 3, 2018

EDUCATION

- > Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1992), with honors
- > Lehigh University (B.A., 1989), with honors

ADMISSIONS

- > New York
- > New Jersey