

## **Kay Gonzalez**

Partner

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### **Biography:**

Kay Gonzalez is a dynamic trial lawyer who uses her courtroom skills, savvy negotiation tactics, and sound judgment to help people who have suffered grave injuries. A Partner in the firm's personal injury and medical malpractice groups, Kay has recovered millions of dollars for clients in car accident, premises liability, catastrophic injury, and workers' compensation cases.

Kay has represented clients in hundreds of New Jersey Superior Court cases, serving as lead counsel in numerous jury trials. On top of her extensive trial experience, Kay has presented arguments before the New Jersey Appellate Division and Supreme Court of New Jersey. Her notable appellate victories include a precedential ruling that a chaperone lacked authority to sign an arbitration agreement waiving a minor's right to a jury trial over injuries suffered at a trampoline park. *Gayles by Gayles v. Sky Zone Trampoline Park*, 468 N.J. Super. 17 (App. Div. 2021). When she isn't advocating for her clients, Kay regularly speaks on trial practice and procedures, novel legal issues, and emerging trends in personal injury law.

Kay previously served as the Assistant Commissioner for Consumer Protection Services in the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. In that role, she protected New Jersey consumers from unfair practices of insurance companies while managing a staff of over 90 employees. Kay began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Jamie D. Happas, P.J.Cv. (Ret.).

### **Education:**

- Rutgers University School of Law
  - 2016, Juris Doctorate
- University of Delaware

- 2013, B.S. Major Health Behavioral Science, Minor in English

**Bar Admissions:**

- New Jersey State Bar
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- New York State Bar

**Practice Areas:**

- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Workers' Compensation

**Awards:**

- New Jersey SuperLawyers Rising Star (all years eligible since 2021)
- National Trial Lawyers Top 40 under 40

**Affiliations, Memberships and Certifications:**

- New Jersey Association for Justice, member
- New Jersey State Bar Association, member
- American Association of Justice, member
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, member
- Middlesex County Bar Association, member
- Middlesex County Trial Lawyers Association, member
- North Hudson Lawyers Club, member

**Representative Matters/Decisions:**

- Gayles by Gayles v. Sky Zone Trampoline Park, 468 N.J. Super. 17 (App. Div. 2021)