# Brian C. Martel, Esq.

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Brian C. Martel is a Partner in Torchin Martel Orr LLC (TMO Law), based in Paramus, NJ, and specializes in Family Law. Brian has devoted 100% of his professional practice to family law and related matters, including all aspects of divorce, separation, custody and parenting time, spousal and child support, equitable distribution of property, prenuptial agreements, mediation, arbitration, domestic violence, post-judgment matters and appeals. Brian understands that your divorce and family-related matters can be an extremely emotional and financially trying time in your life. He treats all of his clients with the utmost professionalism, dignity, and respect, while at the same time he vigorously advocates for his client's interests and protects his client's rights.

Prior to entering private practice, Brian served as Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Edward V. Torack, J.S.C., in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division – Family Part. Through that experience, Brian developed valuable insight into the Court's analysis and disposition of complex legal and procedural issues. Brian then joined a mid-size Northern NJ firm, where he eventually became the Co-Chair of the Family Law practice group. Brian received his Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland, where he was elected to serve as the Chief Justice for the "Inter-Fraternity Council" through which he presided over Disciplinary Hearings and helped redraft the Fraternity and Sorority systems social policy. Brian prides himself on strongly advocating for the best interests of children and his empathetic, honest, and straight-forward approach with his clients. Brian works with each of his clients to create an individualized and strategic approach based on the specific circumstances and facts of each case with a goal of achieving an amicable and cost-effective resolution. Brian frequently works with some of the premiere mediators and arbitrators in the area, but in the unfortunate event a case cannot be settled, Brian has extensive litigation and trial experience in the New Jersey Superior Courts and Appellate Division

Brian volunteers his time to serve as an Early Settlement Panelist in Bergen County, during which he reviews pending divorce and family law cases to make recommendations regarding potential settlement. Brian has also been appointed by the Superior Court to serve as an Attorney-in-Fact to intervene and assist in high-conflict cases.

## Education

Juris Doctorate, Seton Hall University School of Law Bachelor of Arts, University of Maryland, College Park

#### **Bar Admissions**

State of New Jersey State of New York

## **Bar Memberships**

Member, American Bar Association Member, New Jersey State Bar Association (Family Law Section)

Member, New York State Bar Association Bergen County Bar Association Barrister, Barry I. Croland Family Inn of Court

## **Practice Areas**

Family Law Divorce Mediation & Arbitration Custody & Parenting Time Child Support Alimony Division of Assets & Debts