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Frank concentrates his practice in the area of family law. He has over 45 years of extensive experience in negotiating and litigating economically complex divorce cases. He has been broadly recognized by his peers as a preeminent member of the New Jersey family law bar.

Frank represents clients in all aspects of divorce including asset distribution, child support and alimony, with the goal of achieving a negotiated result but, when required, a fair result after trial. His emphasis is on problem-solving and attaining beneficial outcomes by using creative approaches to achieve a client's goals.

Frank was the founding partner of Louis & Russell, a boutique matrimonial firm in Toms River, New Jersey. As a prolific lecturer and the published author of over fifty academic articles, he has advanced cutting edge legal issues that have led to the development of unique legal theories and precedent-setting judicial decisions the area of family law.

Frank is the co-author of the treatise **New Jersey Family Law Volume II: Divorce, Alimony & Property Division**, which is published by Gann Law Books, a widely recognized and respected publisher of legal treatises focusing on New Jersey law.

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HONORS & AWARDS

- American College of Family Trial Lawyers Fellow
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Fellow
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Family Law practice area (1993 – present)

Departments

Family Law

Education

Rutgers University School of Law, J.D., 1973

City University of New York, Brooklyn College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1970

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1973

Clerkships

Former law clerk to The Honorable Henry H. Wiley, Ocean County

Frank A. Louis (Cont.)

- Listed in *The Lawdragon 500 Leading Family Lawyers* (a publication of Lawdragon Inc.) (2024 – 2026, 2020)
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.)
- Selected as a Clapp Laureate by the New Jersey Institution for Continuing Legal Education for his contributions to legal education (2006)
- Recipient of the Tischler Award, the Family Law Section's Lifetime Achievement Award, from New Jersey State Bar Association (1990)
- Recipient of the Young Lawyer Award from the Ocean County Bar Association (1980)

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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Reported Cases

- *Leonard v. Leonard*, 428 N.J. Super. 272 (Ch. Div. 2012)
- *Sculler v. Sculler*, 348 N.J. 374 (Ch. Div. 2001)
- *Rolle v. Rolle*, 219 N.J. Super. 528 (Ch. Div. 1987)
- *Kelly v. Kelly*, 217 N.J. Super. 147 (Ch. Div. 1986)
- *Fried v. Lakewood MUA*, 171 N.J. Super. 414 (App. Div. 1979)

UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association; Family Law Section Executive Committee (Emeritus member and past Chair); Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee (past Vice Chair)
- Ocean County Bar Association; past President; Family Law Committee (former member)
- Monmouth Bar Association
- *New Jersey Family Lawyer Magazine*; Editorial Board Emeritus member

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- In the 1990s, New Jersey Governor James Florio appointed Frank as the state bar's representative to the New Jersey Commission to Study the Law of Divorce. The Commission recommended several new statutes, including Limited Duration Alimony, which was based on an article written by Frank

- Through his career, Frank has been appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on numerous Supreme Court committees: Family Part Practice Committee (1982-2012); Special Committee on Matrimonial Litigation; Economic Consequences of Divorce; Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS); Appointment of Fiduciary and Counsel Committee; Task Force on the Status of Women; Judicial Education Committee; Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, 2026 Family Law Symposium

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, January 23-24, 2026

Faculty, 2024 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, September 24-25, 2024

Speaker, 2024 Family Law Symposium

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, January 27, 2024

Panelist, What YLS Wants to Know: Q&A with Experienced Family Lawyers

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, November 14, 2023

Speaker, 2023 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 25-26, 2023

Panelist, Death and Divorce

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association 2023 Annual Meeting & Convention*, May 17, 2023

Speaker, 2023 Family Law Symposium

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, 1.27-28.23

Speaker, 2022 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, 7.26-27.22

Speaker, 2022 Family Law Symposium

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, 1.28-29.22

Panelist, 2021 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 27, 2021

Speaker, 2021 Family Law Symposium

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, 1.26-27.21

Speaker, 2020 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 21-22, 2020

Panelist, Everything You Wanted to Know About Arbitration

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, February 18, 2020

Faculty, 2017 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 25-26, 2017

Faculty, 2016 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 26-27, 2016

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Author, The Family Law Symposium: An Overview and Brief History

New Jersey Family Lawyer, June 2023

Co-Author, New Jersey Family Law – Volume Two: Divorce, Alimony & Property Division

Gann Law, 2025

Author, The Role and Responsibility To Supervise Spousal Agreements: What is Supervisory Control and What Does It Mean?

New Jersey Family Lawyer, September 2015

Author, Spousal Fiduciary Responsibilities

New Jersey Family Lawyer, December 2009

Author, The Question of Fairness in Palimony

New Jersey Family Lawyer, July 2009, July 5, 2009

Author, Palimony: A New Approach

January 2009

Author, How Should Pre-Marital Cohabitation Be Considered in the Alimony Analysis?

January 2009

Author, Payment of Pre-Marital Obligations Such As Alimony, Child Support, Student Loans, With Marital Funds Is a Factor Justifying A Lesser Distributable Share of the Marital Assets

January 2008

Author, Your Client Demands to Settle But Discovery is Not Complete. What Language Should Be Added to a Property Settlement Agreement?

January 2008

Author, May A Court Consider Expenses A Spouse Incurs for a Fully Emancipated Child on an Initial Determination or Modification of Alimony

January 5, 2008

Author, Conflict Between Public Policy and Valuation Principles: What Can We Learn From Brown
New Jersey Family Lawyer, May 2003

Author, An Analysis of Cox v Cox: How to Determine Whether Permanent or Limited Duration Alimony is
Appropriate
January 2002

Author, The Far Reaching Impact of Crews
New Jersey Family Lawyer, December 2001

Author, Proposal for Appointment of Expert
New Jersey Family Lawyer, August 2001

NEWS

2026 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 54 Attorneys in 41 Practice Areas: Eight Greenbaum Lawyers
Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List
August 21, 2025

2025 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers
Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 15, 2024

Mark H. Sobel and Frank A. Louis Named to 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Family Lawyers List
October 18, 2023

2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers
Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 17, 2023

2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers
Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Seven Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 18, 2022