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James M. DeStefano is Counsel at Einhorn, Barbarito, Frost & Botwinick and serves clients in the firm's matrimonial and family law department. James joined the firm in September 2011 after serving as law clerk to the Honorable Robert J. Gilson (Sussex County Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part). Not only is James well versed in the tenants of matrimonial law, but he is also committed to staying abreast of the ever-evolving changes and developments in the law. He utilizes this perspective and up-to-the-minute insight into family law best practices to his clients' advantage.

James places great emphasis on the interpersonal relationships he cultivates with his clients. For every case, he takes the necessary time to learn and understand the nuances, synthesize the facts with the law and develop a sound legal strategy. He holds himself accountable for knowing as much as possible about his clients' personal stories so that he can best represent their interests in the negotiation and litigation process. Family law issues can be extremely challenging for clients, and James prides himself on being fully accessible and available to engage in discussion with his clients whenever needed. His commitment to doing so earns him their trust and confidence and helps them achieve their goals as efficiently as possible. With a direct yet empathetic manner, James manages his clients' expectations while zealously advocating on their behalf.

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Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 2011
- New York, 2011

Education

- New York Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010
- University of Massachusetts, B.A., *cum laude*, 2007
- Internship with the Honorable Jessica R. Mayer, J.S.C. (Middlesex County Superior Court, Law Division, Civil Part).

Honors & Accolades

James has been recognized by the following:

- Thomson Reuters, *Super Lawyers*[®]
 - New Jersey Rising Stars: 2013, 2018–2021

Professional Affiliations

- Trustee of the Morris County Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Panelist for Morris County Early Settlement Panel
- Volunteer, Legal Services of New Jersey (Domestic Violence)

Experience

- Panelist – Evidence for Family Lawyers with Judge David H. Ironson (2017, NJICLE)

Practice Areas

- Family/Matrimonial