

## Julia A. López

Partner

Julia A. López is a partner in the firm's Life Sciences Health Industry Group, practicing in the areas of products liability litigation and commercial litigation. She primarily defends pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. Her experience includes working on single plaintiff matters, coordinated cases, and multidistrict litigation in both federal and state courts. Representative products in her mass tort litigation experience include contraceptives, hormone replacement therapy products and vaginal mesh. She has counseled clients in all aspects of litigation from early case assessments and initial filings through resolution including trials.

Julia is a diversity and inclusion leader. Committed to Reed Smith's diversity initiatives, Julia is the firm's nationwide partner chair for the Hispanic/Latinx business inclusion group known as UNIDOS. She served as the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey's ("HBA-NJ") 39<sup>th</sup> President and founded the first Scholarship Endowment for the organization. She has been an active member of the HBA-NJ since 2003 and an active board member since 2008, serving in various leadership positions. Julia currently serves as the Hispanic National Bar Association's ("HNBA") National Finance Director, where chairs one of the organization's most important committees. In this capacity, she leads a team of lawyers and legal professionals across the country who are tasked with communicating with the HNBA's supporters and sponsors to ensure the financial sustainability of the HNBA. She is also a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and has served on various committees. Julia has also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns, as well as the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice.

For her leadership, sponsorship of others and legal acumen, Julia has received numerous awards and recognitions. She has been recognized by NJBIZ as one of the top 50 influential attorneys in NJ and on ROI's Influencers List of the most impactful People of Color in New Jersey. The HNBA has also recognized her work in the legal profession as a Top Lawyer Under 40, as well as her leadership at the HBA-NJ with the Affiliate of the Year Award.

Prior to joining Reed Smith, Julia served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Esther Salas, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the Honorable John E. Wallace, Jr., Retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Julia received her B.S.B.A. from Georgetown University and her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. While attending law school, Julia was Editor-in-Chief of the Rutgers Law Review, President of the Association of Latin American Law Students, and a judicial intern for the Honorable James R. Zazzali, Retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. She is a proud Rutgers MSP graduate. Julia is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York.

### Representative Matters

- Member of national counsel team in nationwide product liability litigation involving pelvic mesh devices.
- Member of NJ counsel team in pelvic mesh litigation.



### Princeton

+1 609 524 2022

jalopez@reedsmith.com

### Education

Rutgers School of Law, 2006, J.D.

Georgetown University, 1999, B.S.B.A.

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court - District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York

U.S. Supreme Court

### Professional Admissions

New Jersey

New York

### Languages Spoken

Spanish

- Defended company in MDL and related state court cases involving prescription contraceptive product and allegations of thromboembolic injuries and wrongful death. Assisted in conducting extensive fact discovery, expert witness preparation, and successful motion practice. Achieved 11-0 defense record on summary judgment in the initial bellwether pool.

### Honors and Awards

- Recognized by NJBIZ on its 2019 and 2020 Law Power 50 List as one of NJ's most influential attorneys
- Recognized by ROI-NJ on its 2019 Most Impactful People of Color List
- Recognized by NJBIZ on its 2019 Manufacturing Power 50 List for her work with pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers
- Presented with the Hispanic National Bar Association's 2019 Affiliate of Year for her work at the helm of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey
- Presented with the *Defensores de la Justicia* award by Rutgers Law School-Camden's ALIANZA
- Presented with the Good Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America
- Presented with the 2019 Social Justice Champion Award by the Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs
- Presented with Distinguished Young Alumni Award by the *Rutgers Law Review*
- Recognized as a Top Lawyer Under 40 by the Hispanic National Bar Association
- Honoree at Rutgers-Association of Latin American Law Students' *Fiesta Con Sabor*

### Publications

- 22 January 2019 "How To Guide to Identify Expert Witnesses"  
*DRI Rx for Defense*; Co-Authors: Shana E. Russo, Jennifer A. Eppensteiner
- Spring 2009 "Yes, We can! – Minority Women Attorneys & Politics"  
*ABA – The Woman Advocate*

### Speaking Engagements

- 5 February 2020 10th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference at Prudential  
"HNBA Welcome Remarks"
- December 2019 Becker's Healthcare Podcast on Diversity Tax "Speaker": <https://lnkd.in/eHTCvtm>
- 7 November 2019 Life Sciences CLE Day, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2 November 2019 MCOHA's Annual Gala "Social Justice Champion Speech"
- 25 October 2019 Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, Diversity Day and Hispanic Heritage Month "Keynote Speaker"
- 23 October 2019 United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Hispanic Heritage Celebration "Keynote Speaker"
- 22 October 2019 HBA-NJ's 40th Annual Installation and Swearing-In Ceremony  
"Outgoing President Speech"
- 17 October 2019 Boys Scouts of America's Good Scout Award Recipient "Honoree Speech"
- 10 October 2019 Rutgers Law School-Camden's ALIANZA Banquet "Defensores de la Justicia Speech"
- 8 October 2019 CBS-NY Special on HBA-NJ's initiatives "Interviewed for news segment during Hispanic Heritage month"
- 25-28 September 2019 Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, New York, New York
- 22 June 2019 Presidential Speech, HBA-NJ's 38th Annual Scholarship Gala and Awards Dinner
- 28 May 2019 HBA-NJ & KIND, An Introduction to Representing Unaccompanied Children in Immigration Matters  
"Welcome Remarks"
- 22 May 2019 HBA-NJ's Southern Mixer  
"Welcome Remarks"
- 16 May 2019 HBA-NJ/Smolin's Reception Honoring First Latina President of NJSBA, NJSBA Annual Convention  
"Presidential Remarks"
- 15 May 2019 NJSBA Annual Convention  
"Panelist, Latinas Leading in the Law"
- 2 May 2019 Union City's Law Day  
"Welcome Remarks"
- 1 May 2019 Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C.'s Law Day  
"Panelist"

- 16 March 2019 2019 Annual Women's Empowerment Leadership & Law Conference  
"Fireside Chat on "A Letter to My Younger Self" with the Honorable Esther Salas, U.S.D.J."
- 27 February - 3 March 2019 18th Annual Sun, Surf & Seminars, Antigua, Guatemala  
"Presidential Welcome Remarks and Introduction to Keynote Speaker"
- 5 December 2018 HBA-NJ's Holiday Mixer  
"Welcome Remarks"
- 29 November 2018 HBA-NJ's Mentorship Program & Resume Workshop at Rutgers Law School, Camden  
"Panelist"
- 28 November 2018 9th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference at Prudential  
"Presidential Welcome Remarks"
- 14 November 2018 Union City-American Dream Pipeline Program  
"Keynote Speaker"
- 12 November 2018 HBA-NJ's Mentorship Program  
"Panelist"
- 24 October 2018 HBA-NJ's 39th Annual Installation and Swearing-In Ceremony  
"Installation Speech"
- 8 September 2018 HNBA "Su Futuro" Pipeline Youth Symposium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
"Panelist"
- 16 June 2018 HBA-NJ's 37th Annual Scholarship Gala and Awards Dinner  
"Mistress of Ceremonies"
- 24 March 2018 Annual Women's Empowerment Leadership and Law Conference  
"Closing Remarks"
- 15 November 2016 7th Annual Corporate Counsel Roundtable  
"Panelist, E-Discovery and the New Federal Rules"
- 12 March 2016 Annual Women's Empowerment Leadership & Law Conference  
"Panelist, Pathway to Success in the Legal Profession"

#### **Clerkships**

- Honorable Esther Salas, U.S. District Court - District of New Jersey
- Honorable John E. Wallace, Supreme Court - New Jersey

#### **Professional and Community Affiliations**

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity 2020 Fellow
- Immediate Past President and 39<sup>th</sup> President, Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey
- Regional President for Region III (NJ) and Deputy National Finance Director, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Trustee, New Jersey Hispanic Bar Foundation
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association
- Former appointed member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns
- Former appointed member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice