

Biography

Born in Newark and a resident of Monmouth County for many years, Luanne Peterpaul, Esq., was elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 2023. Peterpaul is the managing partner of Peterpaul Law in Asbury Park, focusing primarily on labor and employment law, general litigation, and training and education. Peterpaul previously served as an assistant Essex County prosecutor, where she successfully prosecuted cases against criminals ranging from theft to homicide, before being appointed as a Municipal Judge for the Cities of Long Branch and Asbury Park from 2018-2022.

Peterpaul fundamentally believes in equal rights for all individuals, and has dedicated her life's work to advocating for marginalized individuals so people of all walks of life are able to call New Jersey their home. As the former Chair of the Garden State Equality Action Fund, Peterpaul, the first out gay woman to assume a position in the State Assembly, played a critical role in creating and promoting anti-bullying legislation in the state legislature. Standing up to bullies and promoting safety are core values for Peterpaul, who sat on the New Jersey Commission on Bullying as well as the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Task Force. Additionally, Peterpaul was instrumental in bringing marriage equality to New Jersey through her role on the Board of Directors of Garden State Equality.

Peterpaul has continuously used education as a tool for promoting equality. She has lectured for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Conference, the American Conference on Diversity, the American Bar Association, the New Jersey Judicial College, Rutgers University, Kean University, and the Education Law Center, and presented numerous seminars to clients and interested parties in the area of employment and education law and litigation. Peterpaul is an active member of the American Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the Monmouth County Bar Association, as well as a former member of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey. Peterpaul has received numerous accolades for her work as a lawyer, as she is a top-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, has been selected as a NJ Super Lawyer, and was named to the New Jersey Law Journal List as one of the Diverse Attorneys of the Year in 2015. She has also served as a legal analyst on various news outlets.

Peterpaul received her J.D. from Seton Hall School of Law and her bachelor's from Duquesne University. Peterpaul is committed to supporting the families of children with illness, serving on the Advisory Committee of the Unterberg Children's Hospital of RWJ/Barnabas Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center and on the board of the Thomas Peterpaul Foundation. She currently resides in Long Branch with her wife Robin.