



Jane M. Hanson, Esq.
Executive Director

Jane M. Hanson is Executive Director of Partners for Women and Justice, an organization that provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals dealing with domestic violence and family law matters. Partners' programs include advice and counsel, assistance with preparation of court documents, representation by staff counsel and representation by pro bono counsel. Under her leadership, Partners has been recognized by the NJ State Bar Association, the Essex County Bar Association, and the Essex County Prosecutor's Office for its work with victims of domestic violence.

Following a career in education as a teacher, Jane attended Rutgers Law School, from which she graduated in 1984. After practicing insurance and related law for several years, first in private practice and then at Prudential Financial, Jane co-founded Partners for Women and Justice in 2002 and has been the Executive Director since 2003. She is on the Pro Bono Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association and also served on the Association's Pro Bono Task Force. Jane is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Domestic Violence Working Group.

Jane has been recognized for her work at Partners by New Jersey's former First Lady, Mary Pat Christie; the YWCA Union County; the Russ Berrie Foundation; New Jersey Women Lawyer's Association; and Jane's alma maters, St. Louis University and Rutgers Law School.

In addition to her professional work, Jane has been involved in her local community. She was a member of the United Way's Housing Coalition in Montclair, and Chair of the Affordable Senior Housing Advisory Committee. While her two children were in school, she served in various capacities in parent groups that support the Montclair Public Schools. Jane was a trustee of Support Center/Partnership in Philanthropy and currently serves as a trustee of the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence.