

The Best Defense is a Good Offense

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In this *New Jersey Lawyer* article, Wilentz Employment Chair Maureen S. Binetti and Wilentz Shareholder Tracy Armstrong, also a member of the Employment Law practice, discuss the importance for employers to conduct effective workplace investigations as affirmative defense to hostile environment claims and how investigators should assess credibility in harassment cases. In their analysis, the authors consider the New Jersey Supreme Court decision in *Aquas* v. *State of New Jersey* which set forth the requirements for asserting an affirmative defense to harassment claims.

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