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James N. Papirmeister earned his Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of Maryland in 1981. He went on to attend the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore and was awarded his Juris Doctor in 1985. Prior to going into private practice, he served as a judicial law clerk, then spent nine years as a prosecutor with the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. He was dubbed as the "Minute Man" in a 1994 newspaper article for his consecutive string of victories in homicide cases, as a prosecutor, where three separate juries in three separate First Degree Murder trials he handled, each returned unanimous verdicts of guilty to First Degree Murder, after 12 minutes of deliberation, followed by 6 minutes of deliberation, and in the third case, a double homicide, jurors told the reporter, they decided the defendant's guilt after two minutes of deliberation. He then started his private criminal defense practice in 1996, and has handled thousands of criminal cases throughout his tenure of 38-plus years as a criminal lawyer. He is admitted to practice in all courts throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia, including the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Particularly well-known for handling numerous murder cases and sex offense cases, Mr. Papirmeister represents professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, athletes and musicians, and many others in a wide variety of matters. Of the approximately 150 jury trials he has handled, a third have been murder cases. Several of his major criminal and civil cases have been often covered by prominent newspapers and television channels. The Washington Post declared him to be "among criminal defense attorneys who are widely respected for their work", and the Washingtonian magazine included him as a "Top Lawyer" in criminal defense.

Two of Mr. Papirmeister's recent cases involving police civil rights abuses, have been covered in national and local media. In one, local police were successfully sued for berating and handcuffing a five-year-old child at his Kindergarten, which was covered on CNN and in the Washington Post and other national and local media. The other was a successful lawsuit against local police for handcuffing and berating a US Citizen in front of his own home, after a false complaint was made that he did not own his home and was a squatter, which was covered in the Washington Post.

Mr. Papirmeister is the immediate past Chair of the 2024/2025 Criminal Law & Practice Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association. He is also a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association, Prince George's County Bar Association, the Montgomery County Bar Association, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. A Maryland and D.C. "Super Lawyer" since 2015, a selectee for the 2024 Daily Record Power List, he has also been A-VRated since 1996 by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Prince George's County Bar Association, 2007.