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BIOGRAPHY

Chair of the firm's Litigation Law Group, Robert Levy's practice includes jury and non-jury trial preparation and trials with emphasis upon complex matters including Labor and Employment Defense, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Litigation and Civil Rights Litigation. Mr. Levy provides representation for corporate, individual and public clients. He consults with clients during initial stages of contract and business relationships in order to anticipate issues and remedies with a view toward avoiding future litigation. Mr. Levy has appeared in various federal and state courts nationwide. Mr. Levy was trial counsel to the New Jersey Legislative Redistricting Commission assigned to defend a challenge to the legislature redistricting plan created after the 1990 census. He is a Certified Civil and Criminal Trial Attorney by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Prior to joining the firm, from 1984 to 1994, Mr. Levy served as Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey. During his tenure with the Attorney General, Mr. Levy was responsible for the investigation and trial of organized crime and corruption matters with statewide and national significance, including investigations into allegations of voter suppression in the 1993 gubernatorial election and the "computer gate" investigation involving the infiltration of the New Jersey Assembly Democratic staff's computer system. He also supervised the investigation into the Jersey City Welfare Board, and participated in the prosecution of Philadelphia/Atlantic City crime boss, Nicodemo Scarfo.

Additionally, Mr. Levy worked with the Official Corruption Unit, where he supervised a twenty member staff that included attorneys, State Police detectives and accountants. The Official Corruption Unit investigates and prosecutes allegations of corruption which include bribery attempts made to public officials and allegations of misconduct by state, county and local officials, including judges, elected officials and police officers. The unit reviews complaints brought to the Attorney General, the Division of Criminal Justice and State Police.

Mr. Levy served as Senior Assistant Prosecutor for Mercer County from 1977 to 1983. Some of his roles at Mercer County included Director of the Welfare Fraud Unit, Director of the Arson Response Unit and Director of the Homicide Unit.

Mr. Levy has lectured extensively on a variety of topics, including taxation corruption detection, electronic surveillance and new laws and guidelines relating to pay to play in New Jersey. He is frequently called upon to conduct seminars for organizations such as the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the New Jersey Institute of Municipal Attorneys. Currently, Mr. Levy is an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is the author of "Sovereign Immunity: Federal Jurisdiction and the Problem of Constructive Waiver," Delaware Journal of Corporate Law, Vol. 1, No. 1, January 1976; Law Review, 1975-1976. In addition, he has lectured extensively, serving as Lecturer - Office of the Attorney General - Division of Law, Division of Criminal Justice, Division of State Police Division of Consumer Affairs; New Jersey Department of Treasury - Division of Taxation; Institute for Continuing Legal Education; Master - Hudson County Inns of Court.

EDUCATION

- Widener University (JD, 1976)
- Washington & Lee University (BA, 1973)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals (3d Circuit)
- Mr. Levy has been admitted Pro Hac Vice in various federal and state courts nationwide. U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit (1975)

AFFILIATIONS

- Hudson County Bar Association
- Mercer County Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys