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EDUCATION

Montclair State College, B.A., 1963
Catholic University Law School, J.D., 1966

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey and United States District Court for New Jersey
United States Court of International Trade
United States Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law, SETON HALL LAW SCHOOL, Newark, N.J., 1970-present.
Subjects: Professional Responsibility, Legal Malpractice, Jurisprudence, Remedies and Law & Morality. Other subjects: Business Associations, Contracts, Equity, Trade Regulation, Torts, Criminal Law, Commercial Law, Trial Practice, Business Transactions in the European Union and The Western Idea of Law.

Founder and First Director, Seton Hall Law School Clinical Program.

Visiting Professor, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California, 1976-77

Invited to design, develop, and teach materials on Professional Responsibility and skills training for experimental law school curriculum funded by three million dollar HEW Grant.

Visiting Scholar, UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, Florence, Italy, 1984-85.

Visiting Professor, UNIVERSITY OF PARMA, Parma, Italy, Summers, 1988-2003.

Staff Attorney, ESSEX-NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES, 1967-70.

Director, Law in Italy Program, Seton Hall Law School's summer program in

conjunction with the Universities of Parma and Milan, 1992-98, 2001-2003.

AWARDS AND HONORS

St. Thomas Moore Medal, Presented at the 34th Annual Red Mass (2018)
Seton Hall Law School Impactful Philanthropy Award, 2017.
Catholic University's Cardinal's Tribute for Philanthropy, 2017
Seton Hall Law School Myriam Teresa Rooney Award, 2012.
Seton Hall Law School Distinguished Service Award, 2006.
Seton Hall University's McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service, 2002.
Italian Heritage Award, The Italian Tribune, 2002.
Montclair State University's Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2000.
New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education Distinguished Service Award, 1999.
The Catholic Advocate 1999 Distinguished Service Award.
Newark-Essex Legal Services Award for Distinguished Service, 1994.
Professor of the Year Award for 1988, Delta Theta Phi International Law Fraternity.
Rodino Society of Seton Hall Law School Achievement Award, 1993.
Recipient of two grants from the Ford Foundation's Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR).
Freedom Foundation Award for Excellence in Radio Programming, 1974 (in conjunction with the Newark Board of Education Radio Station).

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Appeared as an attorney or as a legal expert in over four hundred cases involving legal malpractice, attorney disqualification or attorney discipline.
Represented numerous clients before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Disciplinary Review Board. See the leading cases of Dewey v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, 109 N.J. 201 (1988), Matter of Ravich, Koster, Tobin, Reitman & Greenstein, 155 N.J. 357 (1998); In the Matter of James Breslin, Jr., 171 N.J. 235 (2002), In Re Opinion No. 33, 160 N.J. 63(1999), Degnan v. Curcio, 172 N.J. Super 180 (App. Div. 1989) and Philpot v. Essex County Welfare Board, 409 U.S. 413 (1973).
Of Counsel, Ambrosio & Ambrosio, Lyndhurst and Newark, N.J., 1972-82.
Of Counsel, Ambrosio, Kyreakakis & DeLorenzo, Bloomfield, N.J., 1982-89.
Counsel, First Care Medical Group, 1984-1998.
Special Counsel, Township of Lyndhurst, 1983-84.
Counsel, Ecco Construction Company, 1978-82.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board of Advisers, Seton Hall University's Center for Catholic Studies, 1996-present.
Board of Trustees, Pari International Center for New Learning, 2008-2010.
Board of Trustees, Cease Fire New Jersey, 2007-2010.
New Jersey Supreme Court Commission on The Rules of Professional Conduct, 2001-

2003, Sub-Committee on Conflict of Interest.

Member, Steering Committee, The Oxford University Center For Values in Education and Business, Oxford, England, 1994-1999.

Charter Member, Seton Hall University Institute on Work and Values, 1994-present.

Secretary, Board of Trustees, The Catholic Advocate, Newark Diocese, 1992-1999.

Associate, Columbia University Seminar on the History of Legal and Political Thought and Institutions, 1989-present.

Newark-Essex Legal Services Board of Directors, 1990-1993.

Lecturer on Ethics, New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, 1986-87.

Reporter and Vice Chair, N.J. Bar Association Committee to Evaluate the Proposed ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, 1980-83.

Member, numerous New Jersey Bar Association Committees including committees on Availability of Legal Services, Lawyer Advertising, Long Range Planning Conferences, 1982 and 1987.

Member, Board of Trustees, and Counsel to Newark-Essex Legal Services, 1970-76, 1978-82.

Charter Member, Vice President and Counsel, South Bergen Mental Center, Lyndhurst, N.J., 1973-80.

Consultant, Florida Board of Bar Examiners, 1978; Drafted Bar Examination on Professional Responsibility.

Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee to Evaluate ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, 1983-84, Chairman, Sub-Committee on Conflicts of Interest.

Member, Passaic County Medical Society Ethics Committee, 1983-86.

Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Study Commission--Sale of Law Practice, 1987-90.

Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Law Student Practice Rule, 1976.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

New York City Bar Ethics Program (April 2018).

Legal Ethics and Legal Malpractice, National Business Institute CLE (December, 2016 and May, 2017)

Cyber Security and Lawyer Ethics, New Jersey Bar Association Symposium, (June 14, 2016)

Catholic University Law School, Legal Ethics and Legal Malpractice: Holding Lawyers Accountable to Clients and the Public Interest (October 1, 2016)

NYC Bar CLE Ethics Presentations (2014, 2015 and 2016)

U.N. Pathway to Peace Prayer Group, A Natural Law Perspective on International Law, (May 16, 2015)

New Jersey Public Defenders, The Limits of Adversary Ethics, April 12, 2015

Seton Hall Law School Symposium, Professionalism, Legal Ethics and Legal Malpractice (February 10, 2015)

NJCLE Program, Ethics for Family Lawyers (November and December 2013)

NJCLE Program, Handling Issues Concerning the Board of Directors of a Corporation (Sept. 2012)

Ethics Lecture at New Jersey Public Utility Lawyers Conference (May 2012)

ICLE Lectures on Professional Responsibility, Seton Hall Law School (Dec. 2011)

Presentation to ABA Committee Evaluating N.J. Office of Attorney Ethics (Mar. 2011).

Lawyers and Fraud, New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Criminal Fraud Examiners (June 16, 2011).

Limitations on Attorney Advertising and Solicitation, Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference (May 13, 2011).

Judicial Ethics, New Jersey Judiciary College (November 2010).

Professional Responsibility presentation to Pashman Inn of Court, Bergen County (November 2010).

Ethics Lecture, Essex County Bar Program on Professionalism (October 2010)

Philosophical Perspectives on Private Property and Its Limitations, Convention of International Jurists-Italy-USA, St. Vincent, Italy (March 12, 2010)

Habits of Highly Effective Lawyers, Pashman Inn of Court, Bergen County (November 2009)

Law, Religion and Morality, New Jersey Bar Foundation Program (March 13, 2009)

Sources of Confusion and Objections to Natural Law, Columbia University Graduate Seminar on Political and Legal Thought (April 2008)

Professional Responsibility Lectures to Newly Admitted Attorneys for New Jersey Supreme Court Skills and Methods Program (1989-2009)

Catholic University Law School Lecture, The Lawyer as Moral Agent (April, 2006)

The Lawyer as a Learned Professional, Bergen Bar Awards Dinner (November 2007)

Professional Ethics in New Jersey, Morris Pashman Inns of Court, Bergen County, New Jersey (2006-2009)

Lecture for Office of Attorney Ethics Attorneys and Investigators on 2004 Amendments to the New Jersey Rules of Professional Conduct (November 2003)

Preparing for Changes in the Rules of Professional Conduct, New Jersey ICLE Seminar (July 15, 2003)

Conflict of Interest: Clarifying and Applying the Basic Principles, New Jersey ICLE Seminar (April 27, 2003)

Tips on Professional Responsibility, New Jersey ICLE Seminar (April 27, 2002)

Appeared Amicus Curiae before the New Jersey Supreme Court to argue for Retention of RPC 1.7 (c) on the Appearance of Impropriety as a ground for disqualification and discipline (November, 1999).

Appeared Amicus Curiae on behalf of National Association of Bond Lawyers in the Matter of Opinion No. 33 of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (April 1999), 160 N.J. 63 (1999).

Confidentiality and Its Limitations, New Jersey Institute on Continuing Legal Education Program (February and September 2001)

- The Ethics of Civil Trial Advocacy, New Jersey ICLE Program on Ethics of Advocacy: Civil, Criminal & Matrimonial Ethical Issues (April 7, 2000).
- Professional Responsibility Lectures, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education Skills and Methods Course (1987-2009).
- A Natural Law Perspective of Corporate Governance, Symposium, Catholic Studies Center, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota (August 1998)
- The Public Corporation and the Common Good: Principles of Catholic Social Teaching as a Framework for Corporate Social Responsibility, Woodstock Business Roundtable of New York City, Pfizer Corporate Headquarters (April 20 and May 14, 1998).
- A Natural Law Perspective of Corporate Governance: Insider Trading and Executive Compensation, Second International Conference on Catholic Social Thought and Management Education, University of Antwerp, Belgium (July 1997).
- Conflicts of Interests When Representing Multiple Parties in Title VII Litigation, New Jersey Bar Association Meeting Joint Program of the Employment Law Section of the New Jersey Bar and the Institute for Continuing Legal Education Program (May 1997).
- Lawyer Rhetoric, Professionalism and the Obligation of Candor, Washington College of Law, American University Law School Symposium (April 1997).
- Natural Law Principles and Corporate Governance, Conference of Catholic Business Schools, Los Angeles California (July 1996).
- The Art and Practice of Law Teaching, Bankruptcy Inn Court Symposium (September 1996).
- Corporate Counsel's Duty of Loyalty and Its Limits, Inaugural Lecture, Public Service Gas & Electric Co. Distinguished Lecture Series, (March, 1996).
- Kantian Influences on the Contemporary Natural Law Theories of John Rawls and John Finnis, Columbia University Graduate Seminar on the History of Legal Thought and Institutions, (January, 1996).
- Value Conflicts in Legal Education: Moral Neutrality Versus Moral Agency, Third Annual International Conference on Social Values, Oxford University, Oxford, England, (July 1995).
- Natural Law and Supreme Court Adjudication, North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, N.C. (April 1995).
- Professional Responsibility Lecture, Rutgers Law School, Newark, N.J., (April 1995).
- Preventing Legal Malpractice: Good Ethics is Good Practice, West Hudson Bar Association, (January 1995).
- Videotaped Panel Discussion on Attorney Conflict of Interest, New Jersey Institute on Continuing Legal Education, (July, 1994)
- Law and Morality in a Pluralistic Society, Riverdale-Yonkers Ethical Culture Society (November 1994).
- Conflict of Interest: An Ethical and Legal Perspective, Association of Municipal

- Administrators, New League of Municipalities Convention, (December, 1993).
- The Pursuit of Excellence in Work and Play, Second International Conference on Social Values, Oxford University (July 1993).
- John Finnis' Natural Law Theory, New Jersey Catholic Lawyers, (June 1993).
- Lawyers and Justice: Lawyers as Moral Agents, Law Day Ceremonies of the New Jersey Bar Association (May 1993).
- Physician Conflict of Interests, Medical Ethics Symposium, Seton Hall University Graduate Medical School (March 1993).
- Is Physician Assisted Suicide Morally Justified? Medical Ethics Symposium, Seton Hall University Graduate Medical School (May 1992).
- Feminist Legal Theory, Women's Law Forum, Seton Hall Law School, (May 1992).
- The Individual and the Common Good, Symposium on Rerum Novarum, Seton Hall University (September 1991).
- Preventing Legal Malpractice, Bergen County Bar Association, (January 1991).
- Changing Conceptions of Natural Law, Columbia University Graduate Seminar on the History of Legal and Political Thought and Institutions, (February 1991).
- Inside Corporate Counsel as Shaper of Corporate Culture, Bell Corporation Annual Conference for Corporate Counsel, (April 1990).
- The New Jersey Rules of Professional Conduct as a Guide to Practice, New Jersey Bar Association Convention, (November 1990).

PUBLICATIONS

- FATHER RICHARD "DICK" LIDDY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CATHOLIC IDENTITY OF SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, *The Lonergan Review*, Vol. IX-2018, 117, Seton Hall Catholic Studies Center Publication (April 2018)
- BERNARD LONERGAN AND JOHN FINNIS ON THE QUESTION OF VALUES, *Proceedings, Seton Hall Catholic Studies Center Program, Value Ethics: A Lonergan Perspective* (September, 2015)
- THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY AS AN ETHICAL STANDARD, *New Jersey Lawyer* (December, 2011)
- ADOPT ABA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE LAWYER-DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM, 205 N.J.L.J. 935 (September 11, 2011)
- LIMITATIONS ON THE RIGHT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE COMMON GOOD, 2010 *Proceedings of the Conference of international Jurists: Italy -USA* (March, 2010)
- RETHINKING THE ROLE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL, 198 N.J.L.J. 83 (October 12, 2009).
- PROPOSED CHANGES IN MALPRACTICE LAW: WRONG MESSAGE TO A SKEPTICAL PUBLIC, 194 N.J.L.J. 567 (Nov. 10, 2008)
- NEGLECTED TRUTH IN ABA CANONS, 191 N.J.L.J. 71 (Jan. 14, 2008)

- LOWER BAR FOR FRAUD AGAINST LAWYERS, 187 N.J.L.J. 659 (Feb. 26, 2007).
LIMITATIONS ON CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY, 186 N.J.L.J. 639 (Nov.13, 2006). A
DISCLAIMER WOULD END HUBBUB OVER 'SUPER' OR 'BEST' LAWYERS,
186 N.J.L. 267 (October 9, 2006)
THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY AS A CONFLICTS STANDARD,
New Jersey Business Insider (Nov., 2007)
LEGAL REALISM, The New Jersey Lawyer Magazine (October, 2000)
NATURAL LAW AS A WISDOM TRADITION, Proceedings of 1998 Summer Institute,
Seton Hall University Center for Catholic Studies (June 1999).
THE REDEFINING OF THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS UNDER
CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT. WILENTZ: A LEGACY OF REFORM, 7 Seton Hall
Constitutional Law Journal 352 (1997) with McLaughlin.
RETHINKING THE CLIENT-LAWYER RELATIONSHIP, New Jersey Family
Lawyer (February/March 1993).
A MORAL APPRAISAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION: A PLEA FOR A RETURN TO
FORGOTTEN TRUTHS, 22 Seton Hall L. Rev. 1177 (1992).
THE PATH TO PROFESSIONALISM, 21 Seton Hall L. Rev. 524 (1991).
THE "NEW" NEW JERSEY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:
REORDERED PRIORITIES FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY,
11 Seton Hall Legislative Journal 103 (1987).
THE USE OF EXPERT WITNESSES IN ESTABLISHING LIABILITY IN LEGAL
MALPRACTICE CASES, 61 Temple L. Rev. 1351 (1988), (w/McLaughlin).
THE CHANGING STANDARDS OF THE PRACTICE OF LAW, 18 Seton Hall L. Rev.
602 (1988).
CENSURE AND THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, Seton Hall Constitutional L. J.
(Inaugural Ed.), Spring 1989, Vol. 1, No. 1.
THE MODERN TORT LAWYER: HERO OR VILLAIN, Book Review Essay, Lawyers
And The American Dream, by Stuart M. Speiser, 24 Seton Hall Law Review
1195 (1993).
THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN WORK AND PLAY, Proceedings of Second
International Conference on Social Values, Oxford University, Oxford, England
(1994).
THE ETHICS OF CIVIL TRIAL ADVOCACY, N.J. ICLE Program Handbook for Ethics of
Advocacy: Civil, Criminal & Matrimonial Ethical Issues (1998).
CONFIDENTIALITY AND ITS LIMITATIONS, N.J. ICLE Program Materials (2000).
CONFLICT OF INTEREST: CLARIFYING AND APPLYING THE BASIC
PRINCIPLES, N.J. ICLE Program Materials, (2003).
GOOD FAITH IN CONTRACT LAW: THE PROBLEM OF PROFIT MAXIMIZATION: A
REPLY TO PROFESSOR JAMES GORDLEY, Proceedings of the Second Annual
International Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and Management Education,
Brussels, Belgium (1997)
RETURN TO NATURAL LAW COULD STRENGTHEN THE HIGH COURT,
Editorial Opinion, Bergen Record (July 13, 1991).
ABORTION: A Moral and Legal Issue, Editorial Opinion, Bergen Record (July 29, 1992).