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Biographies

RONALD J. RICCIO, *General Counsel, McElroy, Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter and Dean Emeritus, Seton Hall University School of Law*



Ronald J. Riccio received his B.A. degree cum laude from Seton Hall University in 1968 and Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1971, where he was a member of the school's first public Law Review. Following a judicial clerkship with The Honorable Lawrence A. Whipple, United States District Court Judge, he began a sixteen year career in private practice as a litigator, during which time he successfully represented plaintiffs and defendants in a number of major trial and appellate matters. He returned to his alma mater in 1988 when he was appointed Dean of Seton Hall University School of Law. He successfully served as Dean for eleven years, during which time he also taught Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law.

Dean Emeritus Riccio is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits and before the United States Supreme Court. He is currently the Firm's General Counsel. He is available to litigate, mediate, and arbitrate cases in a wide range of contexts, including appeals, class actions, constitutional matters, franchise disputes, tort claims, securities, business break-ups, employment disputes, Court-Appointed Discovery Master, Court-Appointed Settlement Master, Court-Appointed environmental clean-up Site Administrator and other Court appointments.

Dean Emeritus Riccio is a founding member of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism, a former member of the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center. He is a Lifetime Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

He has received numerous awards, including the New Jersey State Bar Foundation Medal of Honor, the Essex County Bar Foundation Person of the Year, top 100 New Jersey Business People by *New Jersey Business News*, Ann Klein Advocate Award for the Disabled, B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award of Excellence, Saint Thomas More Medal of Honor, ACLU of New Jersey Roger N. Baldwin Civil Liberties Award, and the Columbian Foundation's Achievement and Humanitarian Award. He has also been listed in Super Lawyers® (2005-2017), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of

General Litigation, Appellate, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court). Mr. Riccio has also been listed in Best Lawyers® (2008-2018), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Appellate Practice. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court). He was named as Newark's 2015 Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year". Most recently he was honored as Seton Hall Law's 2016 Distinguished Graduate, received the 2016 Saiber Professional Achievement Award, and was chosen by the New Jersey Law Journal as the 2016 Attorney of the Year.

As a Professor of Law at Seton Hall Law School, Dean Emeritus Riccio has taught Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Introduction to Lawyering. He has been voted *Professor of the Year* five times by the student body and is a past recipient of the Andrea Catania Fellowship for Excellence In Teaching. He has been a lecturer for the *New Jersey Law Journal's* annual review of New Jersey Civil Law.

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CHRISTOPHER L. SORIANO, *Partner, Duane Morris*



Christopher L. Soriano, a member of the firm's [Trial Practice Group](#), concentrates his practice on [gaming law](#) and [commercial litigation](#).

As a gaming lawyer, Mr. Soriano has represented a wide range of stakeholders in the gaming industry—casinos, private equity and hedge funds, lottery companies, gaming technology manufacturers and equipment suppliers, and individuals—in all aspects of the licensing and regulatory process. He also focuses on the legal implications of cutting edge issues such as internet gaming, internet lottery, sports betting, and real-money fantasy sports. He has practiced before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, New Jersey

Casino Control Commission, and numerous other gaming regulatory bodies. He has advised clients with regard to regulatory applications and compliance in many states and provinces in the United States and Canada. He has also represented gaming industry clients in administrative actions and in litigation. He is a regular contributor to the [Duane Morris LLP Gaming Law Blog](#) and is regularly featured in various mainstream and gaming industry publications commenting on developing issues in gaming law.

As a litigator, Mr. Soriano has experience handling, among other cases, complex class actions, consumer fraud cases, public contracting disputes, construction matters, administrative complaints, and special education cases.

Admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Mr. Soriano is a 2003 *cum laude* graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law, where he was a staff member and business editor

of *Temple Law Review*. He is a 2000 *magna cum laude* graduate of George Washington University, having majored in political science. Prior to entering the practice of law, Mr. Soriano served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Thomas J. Rueter, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Soriano is active in his community, where he serves as Chairman of the Planning Board of the Borough of Haddon Heights, as one of Haddon Heights' elected representatives to the Camden County Republican Committee, and as a member of the Order Sons of Italy in America, Lodge 2311, where he serves on the Arbitration Committee. He has been the chairman and chief strategist of several successful local political campaigns.

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DENNIS A. DRAZIN, *Partner, Drazin and Warshaw, P.C.*



Dennis A. Drazin, a Certified Trial Attorney and partner at Drazin and Warshaw, P.C, concentrates his practice on personal injury, medical malpractice, premises liability (trip/slip and fall), product liability and toxic torts.

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1975

New York, 1981

Education

J.D., The Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pennsylvania – 1975

B.A., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. – 1972

Representative Cases

Kenney v. Scientific, Inc., 497 A.2d 1310 (N.J.Super.L. 1985)

Professional Associations and Memberships

New Jersey State Bar Association, Member, 1976 – Present

Monmouth County Bar Association, Member, 1976 – Present

Federal Bar Association, Member, 1976 – Present

American Bar Association, Member, 1976 – Present

LEGAL, Board of Trustees, 1990

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Board of Governors, 1985 – 1989