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Curriculum Vitae

WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR, JR. is a graduate of Villanova University, where he was a member of the men's lacrosse team, and Rutgers University School of Law - Newark. Upon graduating from law school, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Douglas T. Hague, Superior Court of New Jersey. Mr. O'Connor is admitted to practice in New Jersey, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. O'Connor concentrates his practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation and the defense of professional liability actions. He has extensive experience handling corporate dissolutions, partnership litigation, law firm breakups, conflicts between franchisees and franchisors, Uniform Commercial Code matters, ethics proceedings, contract disputes, unfair competition claims, breach of fiduciary duty cases, and class actions. He has tried multiple cases to conclusion in both the state and federal courts. Mr. O'Connor is a member of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, the Essex County Bar Association, and the New Jersey State Bar Association. He has also served as a voluntary mediator as part of the Essex County Chancery Division's Early Settlement Program. Mr. O'Connor is a Practice Group Manager of the Firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

Mr. O'Connor currently serves on the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, which is the oldest professional licensing board in the State of New Jersey.

Awards

- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2017-2027) a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants. 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).
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- Listed in Super Lawyers® Rising Stars (2006-2013), a Thomson Reuters business, in the area of Civil Litigation: Defense. 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).
- Recognized as one of New Jersey's "Top 40 Lawyers under 40" by the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2009). 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).

Cases

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- Appaloosa Inv. L.P.I. v. J.P. Morgan Secs., Inc., 2008 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2248 (N.J. App. Div. April 24, 2008).

Industries

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Insurance
Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices & Life Sciences

Practices

Insurance Coverage
Litigation
Product Liability
Professional Liability

Education

Villanova University (B.A. 1995)
Rutgers U. School of Law - Newark (J.D. 1999)

Admissions

State of New Jersey
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey