

# **RICHARD A. TANNER**

## **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

State of Florida  
State of New Jersey  
State of New York

United States Court of Appeals,  
Third Circuit  
Second Circuit  
Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court  
Middle District of Florida  
Northern District of Florida  
District of New Jersey  
Southern District of New York  
Eastern District of New York  
Western District of New York

District of Columbia

United States Supreme Court

## **EDUCATION:**

University of Illinois  
B.S. Economics.  
Cum Laude with Special Honors in Political Science

University of Illinois College of Law  
Juris Doctor

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

The Florida Bar  
Member, Board of Governors  
Executive Committee - member  
Chair of various Bar Committees, including Professional Ethics and  
Program Evaluation Committee, Communications  
Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Committee  
Chair  
Out of State Practice Division  
President, Secretary  
American Bar Association  
Master and Lecturer, Vanderbilt Inns of Court of America

**HONORIUM:** Lecturer, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Education  
United States Department of Justice  
Special Achievement Award

**AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED:**

Department of Justice  
Kiwanis International  
Metro Builders Association  
Rotary Club International  
Shore Builders Association  
Big Brother, Inc. of Monmouth County  
Greater Pt. Pleasant Charter Boat Assoc.  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
National Association of Charter Operators  
The Florida Bar and subdivisions

**EXPERIENCE:**

**de Beaubien Knight Simmons Mantzaris & Neal, LLP**  
**(Managing Partner – Tallahassee Office)**  
725 East Park Avenue  
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**Florida State University College of Law**  
**(Adjunct Professor)**  
425 West Jefferson Street  
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**Dickson, Ashenfelter, Slous,**  
**Tanner & Trevenen LLP (Partner)**  
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

**Richard A. Tanner, P.C.**  
Cedar Grove, NJ

**Haggerty & Donohue, P.A.**  
Union, NJ

**Morgan, Melhuish, Monaghan & McCoid**  
Livingston, NJ

**Assistant United States Attorney**  
for the District of New Jersey  
Chief of Criminal Division  
Deputy Chief  
Newark, NJ

**Stryker, Tams & Dill**

Newark, NJ

Mr. Tanner commenced practice with the Newark, New Jersey firm of Stryker, Tams & Dill as an Associate assigned to the Litigation Section. He was recruited from that position to the U.S. Attorney's Office by U.S.D.J. Frederick B. Lacey, then U.S. Attorney. He also served in that office under U.S. Attorney, Herbert J. Stern. After 2-1/2 years and promotion to the Chief of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Tanner was in overall supervision of all federal prosecution activities in the District of New Jersey.

As Chief of the Criminal Division, he supervised the operation of three office locations, the daily activities of sixteen Assistant U.S. Attorneys, as well as a staff of secretaries, paralegals and investigative personnel.

He personally conducted the successful prosecution of numerous federal criminal trials, particularly in the white-collar crime area, including the failure of the Eatontown National Bank, the conviction of the Chief Pharmacist at Lenox Hill Hospital for unlawful manufacture of methamphetamines and the convictions in a corporate executive's son's kidnapping case, which drew national press attention.

In Collins v. Promark Products, Inc., in the USDC for the Southern District of New York and in the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals, he successfully argued the case which ultimately resulted in a revision of the New Jersey/New York bi-state compact addressing state jurisdiction over Ellis Island. This litigation led the U.S. Supreme Court to appoint a Standing Master to recommend a position to the Court in resolution of the interstate dispute.

As a civil trial attorney, he has handled all aspects of litigation, with emphasis in the defense of product liability, medical malpractice, negligence personal injury trials and white collar criminal defense. Much of this trial practice was devoted to defense of product liability claims on behalf of manufacturers Ariens Company, Gravely Tractors, Ford Motor Co., American Motors Corp., Renault Corp., Volkswagen of America, Toyota, Inc., American Honda Co., Gravely International, Inc., R.A. Jones & Co., Worthington Corp., Davies Can Co., and many others. There have also been product liability matters involving pharmaceuticals and chemicals for American Cyanamid, Chas. Pfizer, Ciba-Geigy Corp., Hoffman-LaRoche Corp., and many others.

At the present time, he maintains a diverse litigation agenda encompassing virtually all areas of trial work. He also presently handles a portion of the management duties in his firm.

Mr. Tanner has served as a Court appointed Arbitrator on civil liability cases and matters involving the New Jersey Uninsured Motorist Fund disputes, as well as on inter-insurance company coverage issues.

He has participated as a litigant's representative in various arbitrations and mediations involving construction contract disputes, commercial and banking matters, insurance coverage issues, professional practices disputes and labor relations (representing both management and labor).

He has been retained on occasion, by judges of the New Jersey Superior Court as an expert on issues of attorney's fees and in declaratory judgment actions between insurers and insureds.

He has been called upon to prepare and try selected Sec. 1983 Civil Rights cases as "Special Trial Counsel" for the County of Essex, New Jersey, defending State and County police officers.

He represents medical and dental professionals before various professional boards and state agencies such as the Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and New Jersey Attorney General.

Mr. Tanner has conducted successful appellate presentations before the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Second and the Third Circuit Courts of Appeal as well as the New York and New Jersey Appellate Courts.

He has created case law which still controls in New Jersey, such as Serbin v. Walt Disney World Co., and Lee's Hawaiian Islander, Inc. v. Safety First Fire Products, Inc., et al.

Mr. Tanner possesses a United States Guard Ocean Operator's (100 ton) License and has testified as an expert witness on matters of seamanship and seaworthiness of recreational vessels.

Annually, he serves as the Moderator of CLE Programs run by The Florida Bar in New York City and as a trial practice lecturer at various New Jersey and Florida CLE presentations and Inns of Court educational programs.

He periodically writes articles for Florida Bar issued Newsletters which address law practice management and marketing techniques.

He recently co-authored a law firm management textbook, Profitable Law Firm Management, which he uses for a lecture series which he conducts.

He is presently an Adjunct Professor at Florida State University College of Law teaching trial advocacy techniques and coaching their Mock Trial teams.

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Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys

## **Present & Past Corporate Representative Clients:**

Ariens Company  
Bechtel Corporation  
Capacity Managers International  
Davies Can Company  
DCH Imports, Inc.  
George A. Milton Can Co.  
Georgia-Pacific Corp.  
Gravelly International, Inc.  
Montclair Acura, Inc.  
Montclair Motors, Inc.  
New Jersey Transit Corporation  
Promark Products, Inc.  
R.A. Jones & Company  
The Samuel Goldwyn Company  
Walt Disney World Co.

### *Labor Unions:*

Local 407, International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
Local 1470, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

### *Insurance:*

AIG Risk Management  
Chubb & Son Insurance Group  
Cigna Insurance Group  
Employers of Wausau Insurance Group  
Home Insurance Co.  
Illinois Insurance and Guaranty Fund  
Industrial Underwriters Insurance Co.  
Martin Boyer & Co.  
Midland Insurance Co.  
New Jersey Insurance Guaranty Fund  
New York Insurance Guaranty Fund  
Recovery Services International  
Royal Indemnity Co.  
Selective Insurance Co.  
Shand Morahan & Co.  
Specialty Risk Services  
The Hartford Insurance Group  
Transamerica Insurance Co.  
Universal Underwriters, Inc.  
Zurich American Insurance Co.

### *Public Entities:*

County of Essex, New Jersey, Special Trial Counsel

### *Professional:*

Various medical care providers, medical professionals and groups