

RESUME

RICHARD A. TANNER

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State of Florida - 1988
State of New Jersey - 1969
United States District Court, New Jersey - 1969
United States Court of Appeals,
Third Circuit – 1972
Second Circuit - 1991
Eleventh Circuit- 2006
State of New York - 1984

United States District Court
Southern District of New York - 1993
Eastern District of New York - 1994
Western District of New York - 2002
District of Columbia - 1985
United States Supreme Court - 1986

EDUCATION:

University of Illinois, B.S. Economics.
June, 1966; Cum Laude with Special Honors
in Political Science

University of Illinois College of Law
June 1969, Juris Doctor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

The Florida Bar
Member, Board of Governors 1996-Present
Executive Committee - member
Chair of various Bar Committees, including Professional Ethics and
Program Evaluation Committee
Out of State Practice Division
President, Secretary
American Bar Association
Master and Lecturer, Vanderbilt Inns of Court of America
Lecturer, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Education

HONORIUM:

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:

**DICKSON, ASHENFELTER, SLOUS,
TANNER & TREVENEN LLP (Partner)**
250 Bellevue Avenue
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
1992 - Present

Richard A. Tanner, P.C.
1986 - 1992

Haggerty & Donohue, P.A.
1979 - 1986

Morgan, Melhuish, Monaghan & McCoid
1974 - 1979

Assistant United States Attorney
for the District of New Jersey 1970-1974
Chief of Criminal Division 1972-1974
Deputy Chief 1971-1972

Stryker, Tams & Dill
1969-1970

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., John Deere 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.

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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