

# RICHARD F.X. REGAN

## ATTORNEY AT LAW

Richard Regan is a partner in the Teaneck office of DeCotiis. He joined the firm as a partner in 2000. He is a member of the White Collar and Corporate Investigations and Litigation practice groups.

Mr. Regan has successfully represented high-profile public figures, elected and union officials and major corporations for more than twenty-five years both in defense of criminal investigations and in civil litigation. Following a general equity clerkship with the Honorable Reginald Stanton in 1983-84, Mr. Regan joined a small Newark firm specializing in white collar criminal defense and representation of attorneys in disciplinary investigations. He teamed with one of New Jersey's most preeminent trial lawyers in handling major fraud, criminal and civil RICO and wiretap cases in state and Federal courts in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Regan has argued cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the New Jersey Supreme Court and has served as a Master in the Hudson and Seton Hall University Law School Inns of Court. For the past ten years, he has been a Trustee of the New Jersey Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has lectured on topics of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and vehicular homicide cases.

Mr. Regan has also served as special counsel to the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Newark in election law and to other municipal and state governmental entities in defense of employment, wrongful termination and civil rights suits. In 1998, Mr. Regan was a member of the winning trial team in then New Jersey's largest environmental insurance coverage case and in 2008 participated in New Jersey's largest and longest civil corporate-bank fraud case tried in Bergen County.

### **Representative Cases:**

Mr. Regan successfully represented a former NFL All-Pro, New York Giant and future Hall of Famer, Michael Strahan.



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Mr. Regan successfully represented an officer of a merchant marine oil tanker involved in a major grounding and oil spill in the Kill Van Kull.

Mr. Regan successfully represented a former mayor of a major Hudson County town against corruption charges.

He is also a frequent speaker on a wide range of legal topics. For example, he participated in the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey Super Saturday Criminal Defense Seminar on United States Sentencing Guidelines, and addressed the Institute of Continuing Legal Education on *Defending Death By Auto Cases*.

Mr. Regan received his BA in 1973 in Psychology and Philosophy *magna cum laude* from Boston College. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Regan was a teacher and tennis coach for the City of Newark, New Jersey, and a University Administrator and Director of the PULSE program at Boston College. He was awarded his J.D. from Seton Hall Law School *cum laude* in 1983. As a law student, he was Student Representative to the Faculty Search Committee. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Richard Stanton of the New Jersey Superior Court in Morris County, New Jersey. He has been a New Jersey resident for over fifty years and is active in several nonprofits, including the Glen Ridge Athletic Association and the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, of which he is a Trustee.

### **Bar Admissions:**

New Jersey 1983

3rd Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals 1991

U.S. District Court of New Jersey

11th Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals 1986

### **Professional Memberships, Associations and Activities:**

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (Trustee since 1994)

New Jersey State Bar Association

Hudson County Bar Association, Criminal Practice Committee (past membership)

Master in Hudson County Inns of Court and Seton Hall Inns of Court (past)