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Joseph M. DeCotiis is a Managing Partner of the firm. In that role, Mr. DeCotiis develops and implements firm strategy, heads the Executive Committee and manages the day-to-day operations of the firm. He also chairs the firm's Government and Regulatory Affairs Practice Group from the Teaneck office of DeCotiis. His practice primarily centers on governmental representation, specializing in Public Procurement, Redevelopment Law and authority representation in both general and special counsel roles.

Mr. DeCotiis has extensive experience in public/private partnerships and has represented government at every level, including the State of New Jersey and its various public authorities, counties, municipalities and local authorities. He has provided services in all areas of public procurement, including water and wastewater privatization and redevelopment of former industrial sites. He has overseen water and/or sewer privatization procurements throughout the state.

In addition, Mr. DeCotiis served as General Counsel to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, where he provided advice with respect to the consolidation of the New Jersey Highway Authority with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the refinancing of more than \$2 billion of Authority debt. Mr. DeCotiis provided counsel regarding ongoing roadway projects related to the operation of the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike.



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Mr. DeCotiis also serves as General Counsel to Bergen Community College, where he provides advice regarding procurement and governance issues, as well as advising the board regarding disciplinary actions.

In addition to his firm responsibilities, Mr. DeCotiis is involved in numerous organizations and the community. Mr. DeCotiis was appointed to the Democratic National Committee in 2007 and was previously a member of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. He is a co-founder of the Dearheart Charitable Foundation, Inc. – a charitable organization that assists cancer patients as they undergo treatment and recovery. He also sits on the Seton Hall Board of Visitors.

Mr. DeCotiis received his B.A. from Johnson & Wales University in 1988 and his J.D. from Seton Hall Law School in 1994.

Bar Admissions:

New Jersey (1994)

Professional Memberships, Associations and Activities:

New Jersey State Bar Association

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