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Michael Cole, a former partner of DeCotiis, is Of Counsel to the Firm in the Teaneck office of DeCotiis. He joined the firm as a partner in 1997 and became Of Counsel in 2011.

Mr. Cole's practice included civil litigation and administrative law, as well as Government and Regulatory Affairs. He practiced in both state and Federal courts at both the trial and appellate level. He has presented oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court and the New Jersey Supreme Court, as well as the Federal Circuit Court of Appeal and New Jersey's Intermediate Appellate Court.

Mr. Cole has held a number of public offices during his career. He served as Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas Kean from 1986 to 1989. Prior to that, Mr. Cole was First Assistant Attorney General and Director of the Division of Law in the Attorney General's Office and Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation responsible for supervising all of the State's civil litigation. He has held numerous leadership positions for Legal Services of New Jersey, including Trustee, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Economics from St. Peter's University in 1966, where he was on the Dean's List. He was awarded his J.D. from Rutgers University Law School in 1970. As a law student, he was Notes and Comments Editor of the Rutgers Law Review. Following law school, he clerked for Justice Schettino of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Mr. Cole is a New Jersey native and lifetime resident.



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Bar Admissions:

New Jersey (1970)

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey (1970)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1974)

U.S. Supreme Court (1978)

Professional Memberships, Associations and Activities:

For the past 41 years, Mr. Cole has been an officer or member of various Federal, state and local bar associations. He has served on a number of Supreme Court Committees and has been a member of the Disciplinary Review Board, an appellate tribunal that is part of the Attorney Ethics discipline system.