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Robert Ritter represents business clients engaged in trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts. Mr. Ritter has handled a wide variety of cases concerning shareholder and partnership disputes; specific performance; declaratory judgments; probate litigation; real estate litigation; construction litigation; commercial landlord/tenant disputes; real estate broker claims; employment litigation; franchise disputes; claims between lenders, borrowers and guarantors; Uniform Commercial Code claims; eminent domain; planning and zoning appeals; and professional malpractice claims.

Mr. Ritter has been involved with twelve officially reported decisions on a wide variety of legal issues including shareholder standing; CERCLA; RICO; bankruptcy law; civil procedure; Sunday closing laws; defamation; enforceability of settlements; First Amendment rights and liquor law liability.

Mr. Ritter is often retained as an expert witness in legal malpractice actions. He also has represented clients before legal ethics committees and licensing boards for attorneys, accountants and physicians.

Mr. Ritter also handles corporate and transactional matters for his clients. He counsels business clients on a broad range of issues including shareholder and partnership agreements; the purchase and sale of businesses; the purchase and sale of commercial real estate; commercial leasing; commercial financing; employment-related issues and preparation of contracts.

Mr. Ritter served for six years as the Municipal Judge of the Borough of Alpine, New Jersey.

Mr. Ritter has been actively involved in bar association activities. He is a member of the Bergen County Bar Association. He was the President of the Young Lawyers Division and he served as a member of the General Council to the State Bar Association. Mr. Ritter was a member of the Supreme Court's Bergen County Ethics Committee and now serves on the Morris County Ethics Committee. He also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Character for eleven years, serving as the Chairman of Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties and as a member of the Statewide Panel. Mr. Ritter was a member of the BCBA Judicial Appointments Committee for sixteen years.

In addition to his practice, Mr. Ritter serves as an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers Law School where he teaches a course on legal malpractice.

EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1979, Honors: American Jurisprudence Award for Criminal Law

Tufts University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1976

HONORS & AWARDS

Listed In:

- *Best Lawyers*® - Commercial Litigation, Banking & Finance Litigation, Construction Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Trusts & Estates Litigation, Appellate Practice - 2007-2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*® - Lawyer of the Year for Banking and Finance Litigation - 2017; Lawyer of the Year Trusts and Estate Litigation - 2014
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