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Curriculum Vitae

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**RONALD J. RICCIO** received his B.A. degree cum laude from Seton Hall University in 1968 and Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1971, where he was a member of the school's first public Law Review. Following a judicial clerkship with The Honorable Lawrence A. Whipple, United States District Court Judge, he began a sixteen year career in private practice as a litigator, during which time he successfully represented plaintiffs and defendants in a number of major trial and appellate matters. He returned to his alma mater in 1988 when he was appointed Dean of Seton Hall University School of Law. He successfully served as Dean for eleven years, during which time he also taught Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law.

Dean Emeritus Riccio is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, and Sixth Circuits and before the Supreme Court of the United States. He successfully represented the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association in the Supreme Court in their efforts to legalize sports betting at Monmouth Park Racetrack. [New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc., Petitioner v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, et al.](#) (No. 16-476 and 16-477) (May 14, 2018) (*Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances*).

From time to time Dean Emeritus Riccio has been appointed by various courts to assist in resolving a diversity of complex matters. He served as a Settlement Master of a 270,000 acres land claim dispute in Central New York State initiated by the Oneida Indian Nation; Settlement Mediator of a teachers strike that involved the jailing of hundreds of teachers; and Site Administrator overseeing the remediation and restoration of environmentally contaminated sites in Hudson County.

Dean Emeritus Riccio is a founding member of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism, a former member of the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center. He is a Lifetime Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

As a Professor of Law at Seton Hall Law School, Dean Emeritus Riccio has taught Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Introduction to Lawyering. He has been voted *Professor of the Year* five times by the student body and is a past recipient of the Andrea Catania Fellowship for Excellence In Teaching. He has been a lecturer for the *New Jersey Law Journal's* annual review of New Jersey Civil Law.

## Awards

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- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated (2024) - Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer rating standard. This is given to attorneys who are ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal expertise, communication skills, and ethical standards by their peers. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Recipient of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation Medal of Honor (1994). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Recipient of the Essex County Bar Foundation Person of the Year Award. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Top 100 New Jersey Business People by *New Jersey Business News*
- Ann Klein Advocate Award for the Disabled. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award of Excellence. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Saint Thomas More Medal of Honor
- ACLU of New Jersey Roger N. Baldwin Civil Liberties Award. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Columbian Foundation's Achievement and Humanitarian Award.
- Voted *Professor of the Year* five times by the student body.
- Past recipient of the Andrea Catania Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching.
- Received the Essex County Bar Association 2016 Saiber Professional Achievement Award.
- Chosen by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as the 2016 Attorney of the Year. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2005-2020, 2023), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of General Litigation, Appellate, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2008-2025), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Appellate Practice and 2025 "Lawyer of the Year" for Appellate Practice in the

Woodbridge area. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

## **Industries**

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## **Practices**

[Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

[Appellate Practice](#)

[International Arbitration](#)

[Litigation](#)

## **Education**

Seton Hall University (B.A. cum laude 1968)

Seton Hall Law School (J.D. 1971)

## **Admissions**

State of New Jersey

State of New York

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

## **Memberships**

Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center