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### Curriculum Vitae

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**THOMAS R. CURTIN** is a member of the Firm's Commercial Litigation group specializing in practice in both Federal and State Courts. He has represented athletes, coaches, sports teams and fashion designers on a variety of matters. Before joining the Firm, Mr. Curtin was a founding member of Graham Curtin, a midsize firm located in Morristown, New Jersey.

He is a member of the Bars of the State of New Jersey, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. Curtin is also a mediator, approved and appointed by the judges of the United States District Court.

Mr. Curtin is a member of the American Bar Association and was a member of the House of Delegates from 1990 to 2015. He also served as the New Jersey Delegate to the American Bar Association from 2001 to 2011 and as the Governor for New Jersey and Pennsylvania to the American Bar Association Board of Governors from 2012 to 2015. He also serves as an advisory to the officers and trustees of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. Mr. Curtin is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and served on the Council of the National Conference of Bar Presidents.

He chairs the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. He currently serves as a member of the Notre Dame Law Association and is a past President. Additionally, he is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Historical Advisory Board. Mr. Curtin is also the President of Autism New Jersey.

Mr. Curtin was the President of the Morris County Bar Association and the former Chair of the Morris County

Judicial Selection Committee.

He was the President of the New Jersey State Bar Association from 1993 to 1994 and was the President of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation from 1986 to 1988. He chaired the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law from 1996 to 1998 and is a current member of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism. Mr. Curtin was a member of the Supreme Court of Ethics Committee serving as its Vice Chair from 1978 to 1984. He was a Trustee of the Association of the Federal Bar and a member of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey Historical Society.

## Awards

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- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2012-2024), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the areas of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Antitrust, Litigation - Intellectual Property and Litigation - Patent. He was also recognized as the 2020 "Lawyer of the Year" for Bet-the-Company Litigation as well as the 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Antitrust Law in the Newark area and the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" for Bet-the-Company and Litigation - Antitrust in the Newark 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).
- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2006-2023), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Business Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, and Entertainment & Sports. 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 Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey's inaugural Simandle Award, 2019. 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).
- The U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey's Lawyers Advisory Committee's Donald A. Robinson Meritorious Service Award, December 2018
- 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).
- New Jersey Law Journal's Professional Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award, 2018. 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).
- Recognized in Chambers USA (2018-2021, 2023-2024) in the area of Litigation: General Commercial. 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).
- The New Jersey Commission on Professionalism Daniel J. O'Hern Award, 2015. 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).
- Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Award for the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, 2011. 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).

- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey Professionalism Award, 2010. 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).
- Judge John F. Gerry Award for Service to the Federal Court, 2009. 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).
- New Jersey State Bar Association Medal of Honor Award, 2007. 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).
- New Jersey Commission on Professionalism Award, 2003. 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).
- Morris County Bar Association Professionalism Award, 2003. 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).

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## Education

Fairfield University (B.A. 1965)

University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D. 1968)

## Admissions

State of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

## Memberships

American Bar Association

Morris County Bar Association

Sports Lawyers Association

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

United States Supreme Court Historical Society

New Jersey State Bar Association

Founding Member, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Bar Association

The Federal Circuit Bar Association

New Jersey Supreme Court Historical Society

Fellow, American Bar Foundation