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Practice Areas

Business Counseling
Corporate Department
Estates & Trusts
Land Use, Environmental Permitting &
Compliance
Transactional Real Estate

Admitted

New Jersey
New York
Supreme Court of the United States
United States District Court
United States Tax Court

Education

Williams College
B.A. 1959
Columbia Law School
J.D. 1962

Richard Jon Contant brings to Archer his long experience as managing member of a Hackensack, New Jersey law firm founded by his family more than eight decades ago. In that capacity, he headed the corporate/commercial group of lawyers, with significant personal involvement in the estate planning, business organization and transactional law portions of the firm's practice. His current practice areas include corporate, commercial and real estate transactions; estate planning; estate administration; zoning and planning.

Mr. Contant is known throughout the legal community as a skillful negotiator of complex commercial and real estate deals and as a skilled craftsman of the documentation involved therewith, including—but not limited to—corporate stockholders' agreements and limited liability company operating agreements. He has participated extensively in land use development applications over his 40-plus year career, including arguing the landmark case of *DeSimone v. Greater Englewood Housing Corporation*, before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Mr. Contant is a graduate of Williams College, and received his law degree from Columbia Law School. He is a member of the Bergen County Estate Planning Council and is admitted to the American and Bergen County Bar Associations, as well as both the bars of New Jersey and New York. Mr. Contant is also admitted to the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Contant is AV-rated* by Martindale-Hubbell

A lecturer on various aspects of the law to groups of individuals, professionals, and organizations, Mr. Contant is the author (with Brian T. Keane) of *Planning for Children*, as part of the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education's *Sophisticated Estate Planning*.