




Richard J. Contant

Of Counsel

Private Wealth, Estates & Trusts

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Overview

Richard 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, and zoning and planning.

Richard 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, 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.

Richard is a member of the Bergen County Estate Planning Council. A lecturer on various aspects of the law to groups of individuals, professionals, and organizations, Richard is the co-author of *Planning for Children*, as part of the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Sophisticated Estate Planning.

Credentials

Education

- Columbia Law School, JD
- Williams College, BA

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court

Offices

- Hackensack, NJ

Areas of Focus

Practice

- Business Succession Planning
- Charitable Gift Planning
- Elder Law
- Estate & Trust Administration
- Estate Planning
- Income, Estate & Gift Tax Planning
- International Estate & Income Tax Planning
- Private Wealth, Estates & Trusts

