

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

American University (B.A., 2002, University Honors); American University Washington College of Law (J.D. 2005, *cum laude*). Moot Court; Mock Trial Honor Society; Recipient, Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy; Semi-Finalist, ABA National Trial Advocacy Competition. Admitted in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and United States Court of Federal Claims. Rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Bell began his legal career as a law clerk to Hon. Michael Donio, P.J. Cr. of the NJ Superior Court during the 2005-2006 term. He then joined the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, where he was assigned to the Grand Jury and Trial Sections. During his tenure as an Assistant County Prosecutor, Bell gained substantial jury trial experience. He also served as a police legal advisor and police academy instructor, and received advanced training at the Justice Department's Trial Advocacy Center.

Mr. Bell joined the firm now known as Hankin Sandman Palladino Weintrob & Bell in 2008, where his practice focuses on construction, commercial, and employment litigation, as well as appellate advocacy. Mr. Bell also has significant experience in election law and local government law. He is certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Civil Trial Attorney in 2015 and serves as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection.

Active in politics, Mr. Bell represented the Atlantic County area in the New Jersey State Senate from 2017-2018 and was previously elected to a three-year term on the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, where he served from 2013-2015. He is also a deputy vice-chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

AC Weekly recognized Mr. Bell as one of the Greater Atlantic City area's "Top 40 Under 40" in 2008. The NJ Law Journal selected him as a "New Leader of the Bar" in 2015 and NJ Super Lawyers named him a "Rising Star" in the field of Business Litigation from 2010-2015. Mr. Bell serves on the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Services and is a prior board member of Atlantic City Boys & Girls Club, Atlantic City Veterans' Initiative, and Stockton University Holocaust Resource Center.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

Willow Creek Winery, Inc. et al. v. Borough of West Cape May, et al, 1:12-cv-06329 (D.N.J.) (obtained \$560,000 settlement for plaintiff in federal civil rights claim against municipality and its mayor for unlawful interference with land use and development rights that delayed construction of a 50-acre winery).

A.R.B. Construction, Inc. et al v. Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc., 13:3883 (E.D.Pa.) (Obtained summary judgment dismissing Title VII and contract claims against defendant. Following a trial on damages, obtained total verdict of \$201,697.88 plus attorney's fees of \$77,417.60 in favor of defendant on its counterclaim).

Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. v. Associated Asphalt Partners, LLC, A-5487-15T (N.J.) (Successful appeal vacating trial court's order confirming arbitration award in commercial dispute).

Jaimie Ablett v. Kristin McGee and Dennis McGee, ATL-L-1852-10 (N.J.) (Obtained \$250,000 jury verdict on defamation claim for state trooper falsely accused of misconduct by defendants)

Homestead Condominium Association v. Joseph Dugan, Inc., CPM-L-364-17 (N.J.) (Successful action to vacate a construction lien filed against condominium association by contractor)

O'Brien v. BioBancUSA, 1:09-cv-2289 (D.N.J.) (obtained \$400,998.35 judgment against biotech startup for breach of contract to issue stock)

Adair v. City of Wildwood & DeMarzo, A-2911-10T4 (N.J.) (Obtained trial court judgment compelling mayor/police officer to immediately resign one position and successfully defended judgment on appeal).

Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc. v. Mercer County Improvement Authority and Hunter Roberts Construction Group, LLC, BUR-L-2503-09 (co-counsel at trial and appellate courts) (Obtained order compelling MCIA to reject low bid of Hunter Roberts based on incomplete ownership disclosure. The **\$51,643,000** project was then awarded to Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc.) This decision was the **3rd** most requested opinion in New Jersey as reported by the New Jersey Law Journal in 2010. Affirmed by New Jersey Appellate Division February 18, 2010.