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The Hon. Noel L. Hillman (Ret.) leads the firm's Alternative Dispute Resolution practice, a burgeoning focus area of the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Group. His nearly two decades-long service as a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey lends invaluable perspective and insight to clients as they move through the dispute resolution process. Judge Hillman has experience in the areas of employment law, corporate law, constitutional law, education law, customs law, anti-money laundering, anticorruption, trade regulation, defamation, antitrust law, trade secrets, patents, copyright, and trademark law. Judge Hillman also provides counsel to the firm's White Collar & Investigations Group.

Judge Hillman was appointed in 2006 by President George W. Bush, after unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate (98-0) and receiving the ABA's highest ranking ("unanimously well-qualified"). He joined the bench after serving in several leadership roles in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) over 14 years, both in Washington, D.C., and New Jersey. These included, with Main Justice in Washington, D.C.: Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Chief of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section; and with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New

Jersey: Acting Attorney-in-Charge of the Camden Office; Customs Crimes Coordinator; and Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division in Newark, New Jersey. During his time at Main Justice, he oversaw the DOJ's anti-corruption, election crimes, and campaign finance prosecutions nationwide, serving as lead counsel, co-lead counsel, or acting U.S. Attorney in some of the DOJ's most important, impactful, and sensitive national security, bribery, and campaign finance prosecutions. As a member of the Senior Executive Service and one of the DOJ's most senior career prosecutors, he also served in several important leadership and policy roles in the executive branch, including: member of the Advisory Board of the Election Assistance Commission; Counsel to the Integrity Committee of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, overseeing the inspector general community; and member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Undercover Operations Review Committee, acting, along with other Criminal Division section chiefs, to ensure the FBI's adherence to the Constitution and DOJ internal guidelines in its most sensitive criminal investigations.

In addition to presiding over nearly 100 jury and bench trials to verdict in almost two decades as a United States District Judge, his committee assignments included chairing the Third Circuit Model Civil Jury Instructions Committee and the District of New Jersey's Criminal Law Committee and serving on the Third Circuit Committee on Re-Entry Courts and the Jury Trial Subgroup of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' COVID-19 National Task Force.

Judge Hillman has significant international experience in criminal law as well, especially as an anti-corruption authority. He served as a State Department delegate to the Global Forums, anti-corruption conferences in Korea and Brazil, and was a member of both the U.S. negotiation team for the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in Austria and a UNCAC implementation team in Italy. He also participated in Justice Department training missions to Ukraine, regarding non-bank money laundering, and Serbia, concerning corporate criminal liability; assisted the Council of Europe on member-state compliance with the Group of States

Against Corruption treaty, conducting compliance reviews of Ireland and Turkey; and provided technical assistance on judicial integrity to public and educational entities in South and Central America.

He has taught as an adjunct professor at several leading law schools and lectured and published on a diverse array of subject matters, including sentencing law and policy, artificial intelligence, trial advocacy, public corruption, campaign finance, money laundering, bank fraud, securities fraud, customs law, international trade, export and arms control, copyright, music publishing, antitrust, and related topics.

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Education

Duke University School of Law (LL.M., Judicial Studies)

New York University School of Law (LL.M., Trade Regulation)

Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, top 2%)

- Articles Editor, Seton Hall Law Review

Pepperdine | Caruso School of Law, Mediation Skills Workshop for the Federal Judicial Center, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

Monmouth University, B.A., cum laude, Honors Program, English Language and Literature

Clerkships

Law Clerk to the Honorable Maryanne Trump Barry, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, 1986 – 1988

Courts

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Recognition

William J. Brennan, Jr. Award, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Recognized by Best Lawyers®, 2027 Edition: Criminal Defense: White-Collar

NJBIZ Leaders in Law list, 2025

U.S. Department of Justice

- Twice awarded the Director's Award, Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, for superior performance
- Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention
- Assistant Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Law Enforcement

U.S. Department of State

- Superior Honor Award, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

Monmouth University

- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, 2005

Professional Affiliations

American Law Institute, Elected Member and Adviser, *Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Defamation and Privacy*

American Bar Association

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

American Arbitration Association, National Roster of Arbitrators

Federal Judges Association

Third Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Federal Criminal Law Committee of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Member

New Jersey State Bar Association

New York State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section, Co-Chair, New DR Practitioners Committee

Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court, Honorary Master

John C. Lifland American Inn of Court, Master

Stewart G. Pollock American Inn of Court, Honorary Master

New York Intellectual Property Law Association, Member, ADR Committee

New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association

Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association

The Historical Society of the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, Board of Trustees

Paraguay Higher Education Center for Ethics, Equity and Transparency for Paraguay, Member, Advisory Committee

Prior Positions

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Adjunct Faculty

Rutgers Law School, Adjunct Faculty

U.S. Department of Justice, National Advocacy Center, Instructor

Chair, Third Circuit Model Civil Jury Instructions Committee

Member, Third Circuit Committee on Re-Entry Courts

Chair, District of New Jersey's Criminal Law Committee

Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques, Emory University School of Law, Faculty

Member, Jury Trial Subgroup of the U.S. Courts' COVID-19 National Task Force

Senior Executive Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management

Advisory Board of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission

FBI Criminal Undercover Operations Review Committee

Counsel, Integrity Committee of the President's Council on Integrity, and Efficiency

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