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#### **EDUCATION**

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., 1981
- State University of New York at Albany, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1978

#### **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- New Jersey, 1981
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1981
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1982

## **Steven R. Klein**

### **Member**

Litigation  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appeals  
Directors & Officers  
Employment Counseling & Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
Estates & Trusts Litigation  
Foreclosure and Lender Liability  
Surety and Insurance  
Tax Litigation  
Employment Law  
Construction Services

Steven Klein is Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Department. Mr. Klein is widely recognized as one of the premier litigators in the region. He has an extensive civil litigation practice that emphasizes complex commercial and corporate litigation in the state and federal trial and appellate courts. He also focuses his practice in the areas of chancery and real estate litigation for private and public companies and in significant arbitration matters. Mr. Klein also has been appointed by the courts in major shareholder and partnership disputes and corporate and partnership dissolutions to serve as special fiscal agent, special officer, provisional director, and custodial and/or liquidating receiver. Mr. Klein has achieved numerous victories and successfully represented clients in several significant reported decisions. Among his litigation accomplishments, he also established precedent in the New Jersey Supreme Court in a now nine year dispute culminating in the confirmation of an arbitral award. He served as special litigation counsel for the New Jersey Insurance Commissioner in the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company rehabilitation proceedings. Mr. Klein is admitted to practice before the Superior Court of New Jersey, United States District Court, District of New Jersey, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Klein joined Cole Schotz upon graduation from Duke Law School and became a member of the firm in 1987. He currently serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee and is chair of the Hiring

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Committee.

Mr. Klein has served as an adjunct professor teaching legal research and writing at the Seton Hall University School of Law and has taught business law as an adjunct professor at the Seton Hall University School of Business. He also has lectured for various professional and civic organizations.

### NOTEWORTHY

Mr. Klein has been awarded an AV rating for his professionalism and the quality of his legal work from Martindale-Hubbell, the premier directory of legal professionals. He has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in the prestigious *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Tax, Labor and Employment and Trusts and Estates (2005-2012) and *New Jersey Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> in Business Litigation (2005-2011). He has also been included in *201 Magazine's* list of Top Lawyers in Bergen County for 2011.

*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers For Business*, a well-respected legal directory, compiled based on in-depth interviews with key in-house counsel and private practice attorneys, ranks Mr. Klein and notes:

"Steven Klein can be brought in to deal with even the most difficult of cases, sources confirm, and he boasts a wide array of civil litigation experience. He is also a successful arbitrator and appellate attorney." *2011 Edition*.

Mr. Klein appeared before the New Jersey Supreme Court, where he obtained a *per curiam* affirmance of the Appellate Division opinion at 394 *N.J. Super.254*, 926 *A.2d* 372 (2007). This Supreme Court decision establishes new precedent in the area of the enforceability of arbitration agreements.

### PUBLICATIONS

Free Legal Aid Available for Those Facing Foreclosure, *The Record*, May 6, 2009

Consider the Alternative: The Alternative Procedure for Dispute Resolution Act, *New Jersey Law Journal*, March 30, 2009

Ask A Lawyer: Arbitration Differs from Mediation, *The Record*, November 6, 2007

Ask A Lawyer: Business's Debts Not Necessarily Yours, *The Record*, May 15, 2007

'No Fault' Removal of an LLC Member, *New Jersey Law Journal*, April 10, 2006

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How to Conduct an Effective Direct Examination, *New Jersey Lawyer*

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Chancery Litigation: Break up of a Family Business, Bergen County Bar Association, The George W. Newman Law Building, Hackensack, NJ
- When the Parties Disagree....A Litigator's Perspective, *Hudson-Bergen Inn of Transactional Counsel*, May 14, 2009

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- American Bar Association
- Bergen County Bar Association, President, former Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Six-Term Trustee
- Bergen County Bar Association (General Equity Section, Co-Chair)
- Bergen County Bar Association (Bench-Bar Liaison Committee)
- Bergen County Bar Association (Civil Practice Committee)
- Bergen County Bar Foundation, Trustee
- Justice Morris Pashman American Inn of Court, Master
- District Ethics Fee Arbitration Committee, Supreme Court of New Jersey, Former Panel Chair
- American Arbitration Association
- Advisory Committee on Information Technology's E-Filing and Access Subcommittee for the NJ Judiciary