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#### **EDUCATION**

- St. John's University  
School of Law, J.D., 1983
- Rutgers University, B.A.,  
1980

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

- New Jersey, 1984
- U.S. District Court,  
District of New Jersey,  
1988
- New York, 1983

## **Donald A. Ottaunick**

### **Member**

Construction Services  
Litigation  
Appeals  
Business Owner Disputes  
Environmental Litigation  
Personal Injury/Medical Malpractice  
Professional Liability  
Surety and Insurance  
White Collar & Investigations

Donald Ottaunick chairs the firm's personal injury practice. His practice focuses on personal injury matters including complex medical negligence and general liability.

Upon graduation from law school, he served as law secretary to the Honorable Sidney H. Reiss. Thereafter, Mr. Ottaunick served as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and was New York trial counsel for a major mutual insurance company before joining the firm in 1988.

Since joining the firm, Mr. Ottaunick has handled a wide range of litigation matters in the areas of insurance coverage, premises liability, premises security, automobile negligence, toxic torts, workers' compensation and environmental litigation. He is also a member of the firm's Construction Law practice, with experience in surety law and construction litigation matters.

Mr. Ottaunick has lectured on subjects including tort reform, no-fault and trial techniques involving expert testimony and the use of demonstrative evidence.

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

Mr. Ottaunick 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 included in *201 Magazine's* list of Top Lawyers in Bergen County for 2011 and is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

Automobile Insurance: A Possible Unaffordable Commodity in the Wake of Economic Downturn, *New Jersey Law Journal*, March 16, 2009

New Jersey's Ambulatory Surgical Centers Continue to Face Uncertainty, *Cole Schotz Docket*, Fall 2008

Ask A Lawyer: Steps to Take in Case of a Fall on Your Property

Insurance Alert: Insureds with Insolvent Carriers Held Personally Liable for Judgments

Consider Tax Implications of Plaintiffs' Awards, *Cole Schotz Docket*, Fall 2004

Doctors Get Some Relief from New Tort Reform Legislation

Let the Sellers Beware?!: The Perils of the Junk Fax Law for Businesses, *Cole Schotz Docket*, Fall 2003

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- C. Willard Heckel Inn of Court, former master
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association