

## FIRM OVERVIEW

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is a full-service law firm with offices in New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Delaware and Texas. For over 80 years, we have maintained a reputation for excellence by providing the highest quality legal services to businesses, institutions and individuals. The firm was founded in 1928 by David L. Cole, a noted labor arbitrator and mediator, and Mendon Morrill, one of New Jersey's foremost trial lawyers. David Cole served as Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and counseled every president from Harry S. Truman to Gerald R. Ford in national labor crises. Mendon Morrill served with distinction as a judge of the United States District Court. Our former partner, Leonard I. Garth, also served on the United States District Court and presently serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. These and other notable appointments underscore the character and superior abilities valued in the firm's attorneys.

As in the past, many of our attorneys are recognized today as leading practitioners in their fields. The firm's ranks include former federal and local officials, corporate counsel and executives, Certified Civil Trial Attorneys, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and two Fellows of the American College of Bankruptcy. We regularly lecture to businesses and legal associations and write about emerging areas of the law. Our attorneys also devote considerable time and energy to a wide variety of civic and charitable organizations.

Our clientele includes a wide array of private and public business enterprises ranging from closely held to *Fortune 500* companies. Regardless of their size, we represent all of our clients with the level of skill and personal attention that have become the hallmark of the firm. Having grown in size and diversity of practice to assure our clients the level of specialization they deserve, the firm today is organized into eight primary practices: Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring; Construction Services; Corporate, Finance & Business Transactions; Employment Law; Environmental Law; Litigation; Real Estate; and Tax, Trusts & Estates.

The firm is a member of The Law Firm Alliance, an affiliation of midsize law firms created to provide a vehicle for clients to obtain legal services throughout the United States and abroad. The member firms are dedicated to providing superior service to all clients served by this network.

We approach the practice of law in the 21st century with the same commitment to outstanding service established by our founders. We are dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of an exceptional environment for our attorneys and staff that fosters the personal attention and specialization necessary to respond to your legal needs.