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## Of Counsel to Mautone & Horan, P.A., commencing July 1, 2010

Perform services as Arbitrator in civil litigation including but not limited to Uninsured, Underinsured and PIP automobile matters; as Mediator in all disciplines of civil litigation including but not limited to complex matters in insurance coverage, employment law and catastrophic medical injuries; hearing officer for municipal employees discipline hearings;

Serve as a consultant to lawyers in complex litigation; and serve as 'a practice judge' for lawyers before they argue motions or try cases in Federal and State Courts.

Practice in the U.S. District Court of New Jersey representing municipal defendants, and plaintiffs, in Civil Rights and Law Against Discrimination matters.

Of Counsel to Grieco Oates & DeFilippo, LLC, September 1, 2004 to June 30, 2010, located at 414 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey.

Practice was the same as described above for current position.

# Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County January 13, 1984 to retirement on July 1, 2004:

January 1984 to December 1986 - Trial Judge in Special Civil Part, Family and Criminal Divisions.

December 1986 to July 1, 2004 - Trial Judge in the Civil Division including being the first judge responsible to administrate the Arbitration program; and the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division from August 1994 to July 1997 with the responsibility of managing 24,000 cases, 18 judges and a staff of 150.

Trial Judge responsibilities included being the designated environmental coverage judge from 1990 to 2004 and the management of complex matters including insurance coverage, medical, legal and architectural malpractice, construction, product liability, employment and discrimination. Fifty percent of the time devoted to active settlement negotiations through conferences. Settlement rate 90%.

#### **Practice Background:**

Admitted to practice law in November 1972 in New Jersey and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Practiced with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company's house counsel John W. Taylor and his successor Elliot N. Fabricant 1972-1984. Specialized in the trial of products liability, medical malpractice, automobile negligence and insurance coverage matters.

## Committee Membership:

Served on the Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee and the Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges.

# Legal Teaching:

## National Judicial College:

- Alternate Dispute Resolutions
- Products Liability
- Law on Damages

# New Jersey Judicial College:

- Settlement Techniques
- Civil Law and Procedure
- Jury Instructions

#### **American Inns of Court:**

- Essex Inns of Court, William J. Brennan Chapter, (1987-1993); Master of the Bench;
- Essex Inns of Court, Arthur T. Vanderbilt Chapter (1988-1992) Co-Chair;
- Seton Hall Law School Alumni Association Inn of Court (1991-1995); Master of the Bench; (1995-2005) Moderator
- Worrall F. Mountain Inn of Court, Master (2010 to present)

## Institute for Continuing Education (ICLE):

- Proving Your Personal Injury Case
- How to Try a Wrongful Death Case
- Proprietor's Liability
- How to Try a Medial Malpractice Case

- Civil Motion Practice
- Expert Witnesses
- Skills and Methods Civil Practice

## New Jersey State Bar Association:

- Insurance Litigation
- Litigation Trends
- Psychiatric Expert Testimony for Emotional Distress Claims

# **Essex County Bar Association:**

- Demonstrative Evidence
- Motion Practice
- Civil Practice Rules
- Use of Videotape Testimony
- Trial Techniques

# Trial Attorneys of New Jersey:

- Back to Basics Seminar on Court Rules and Procedure for Certified Civil Trial Lawyers Qualification (1990-2003)

# **Bar Associations Membership:**

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Essex County Bar Association

#### **Education:**

- Juris Doctor, 1972; Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey.
- Bachelor of Arts, 1965 Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York