

ROSEMARIE RUGGIERO WILLIAMS

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

LAW OFFICE

**Practice focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation, Arbitration, Special Master, Litigation Support Consultation and Management
March 2007 - Present**

PROFESSOR

**Seton Hall University School of Law
Fall 2007 – Present
Dispute Resolution Processes
Persuasion and Advocacy**

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

**State of New Jersey Trial Judge Serving in every Division of the Superior Court
Resolved cases by trial and issuing oral and written opinions, Managed and settled cases from initial pleadings through resolution
1993-2007**

DESIGNATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUDGE

**Primary responsibility for handling all environmental cases for Hunterdon Somerset and Warren Counties
2001-2004**

PRESIDING JUDGE

**General Equity Division Vicinage 13
Hunterdon, Warren and Somerset Counties
In addition to Trial Judge responsibilities, managed the General Equity Chancery Court activities on a daily basis.
2004-2007**

LECTURER

ICLE, Bar Associations and New Jersey Judicial College Topics including Civil Litigation, Employment Law, Environmental Law and Chancery Practice

DEPUTY ATTORNEY

GENERAL

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Trenton, NJ (1981 – 1993)

Section Chief: Tort Litigation Section (1991 -1993)
Responsible for personally handling all aspects of major litigation and supervision of matters handled by forty section attorneys, including authorizing settlement in all cases involving defense of the State's departments and agencies including, NJ Transit, DOT, Human Services, State Police and Higher Education.
Also responsible for supervising the State Workers' Compensation and Collection Units and Supervision of Environmental Compliance Unit (defense of State environmental violations)

Assistant Section Chief: Claims Section (1989-1991) Shared supervision of over forty staff attorneys in the principal civil litigation section defending the State of NJ, supervisory responsibilities over outside counsel defending malpractice actions against the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey including authorizing settlement amounts.
Personally handled major cases as a trial attorney. Advised and defended State Agencies on defense of Environmental Cost Recovery Actions.

Tort Group Leader: Claims Section Rendered assistance and assigned cases to ten attorneys in the defense of personal injury actions under the Tort Claims Act. Personal responsibility for cases of particular complexity including Title 59 and Toxic Tort Litigation.

Trial Attorney: Environmental Protection Section. Responsible for representing the DEP Section in Litigation involving various environmental laws and regulations.

Trial Attorney: Tort and Contract Section. Represented the State in Tort and Civil rights litigation in both State and Federal Court from commencement of action through trials, including writing briefs and arguing appeals. Responsible for representation of New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund.

LAW CLERK

Department of Public Advocate, Division of Public Interest Advocacy (1980-1981)

Public Defender, Mercer Region (Summer 1980)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA (1978-1981)

Degree: J.D., May 1981

Honors: Semi-Finalist: Reimel Moot Court Competition

The College of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ (1975-1978)

Major: Sociology/Anthropology

Minor: Public Administration

Degree: B.A. Summa Cum Laude, May 1978

Honors: Senior Honors; Trenton State Memorial Scholarship;

Department Award for Graduating First Place

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

New Jersey State Bar Association

Middlesex & Somerset County Bar Associations

Vice President Mercer County Inns of Court 1st session