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David M. Repetto is a Co-Managing Partner of Harwood Lloyd, LLP.

Mr. Repetto practices primarily in the firm's Wills, Trusts and Estates Department, concentrating on probate litigation. Mr. Repetto's practice also includes business counseling, commercial litigation and land use and zoning law.

Mr. Repetto received his B.A., magna cum laude, from Fairfield University in 1979. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1983. In 1982 he attended the Institute on International and Comparative Law at Magdalen College, Oxford University, where he studied international law and business.

Mr. Repetto is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New Jersey (1983), the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1983) and the United States Supreme Court (2016). He is a New Jersey Court Rule 1:40 Qualified Mediator.

Mr. Repetto clerked for the Hon. Charles R. DiGisi, Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County during the 1983 – 1984 term. He also served as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Bergen County Prosecutor's office (1984 – 1985).

Mr. Repetto is a Member of The President's Council of The Valley Hospital (2012 – present); is the former General Counsel to the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (2008 – 2013); is presently a member of the Board of Directors, Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (2013 – present); is counsel to the Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch (2008 – 2018) and is the former General Counsel to the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America (2009 – 2013). He is also a Member, Board of Governors, Ramapo College of New Jersey (2007 – present); is a Member of the Historic Preservation Commission, Borough of Upper Saddle River (2008 – present); Secretary, Board of Trustees, Children's Aid and Family Services (2007 – 2010); Member, Board of Trustees, Children's Aid and Family Services (2005 – 2010); Member, Honorary Board of Trustees, Children's Aid and Family Services (2015 – present); Member, Board of Education, Borough of Upper Saddle River (2007 – 2008); Member, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Borough of Upper Saddle River (2000 – 2004); Councilman, Village of Ridgewood (1986 – 1990);Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Ridgewood Public Library (1983 – 1984); and Board of Trustees, Ridgewood Public Library (1980 – 1984).

Mr. Repetto has lectured for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the National Business Institute on the subjects of Probate and Fiduciary Litigation and Preventing and Litigating Fiduciary Liability.

He was also appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on the New Jersey Fee Arbitration Committee and was Chairman of the Bergen County District Fee Arbitration Committee in 2001. In 2010, he was appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on the Supreme Court District Ethics Committee for Bergen County. He is a past Chairman of that committee.

Mr. Repetto has been named by New Jersey Super Lawyers® magazine as one of the top attorneys in New Jersey for 2018 – 2022. The selections for this list are made by the research team at Super Lawyers, which is a service of the Thomson Reuters, Legal division based in Egan, MN. Each year, the research team at Super Lawyers undertakes a multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check. The decisions made by Super Lawyers have not been approved by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Mr. Repetto has been named as the Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America in 2023 for Estate Litigation – Trust and Estates (Hackensack, New Jersey).

Mr. Repetto has been named by Best Lawyers in America as one of America's Best Attorneys for Estate Litigation – Trust and Estates.

Mr. Repetto has been named in New Jersey Monthly Magazine as one of New Jersey's best Estate & Litigation attorneys.

He has been named by 201 Magazine as one of "Bergen's Best Attorneys" for Estate Litigation and Zoning and Land Use.

He has been named by Bergen Magazine as one of "Bergen County's Top Lawyers" for Wills, Estates and Probate.

PRACTICE AREAS

- ADR / Mediation
- Appellate Law
- Probate Litigation
- Commercial and Business Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Municipal and Local Government Law
- Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Zoning and Land Use

EDUCATION

UNDERGRADUATE

- Fairfield University (B.A. 1979) magna cum laude

LAW SCHOOL

- Seton Hall Law School (J.D. 1983)
- Institute on International and Comparative Law, Magdalen College, Oxford University, Oxford, England (1982)

OTHER

- Court Approved Mediator

ADMISSIONS

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey, 1983

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1983
- Unites States Supreme Court, 2016

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Charles R. DiGisi, J.S.C., 1983-1984

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

LEGAL

- Chairman, Supreme Court District Ethics Committee (Bergen County) 2013 – 2015
- Vice Chairman, Supreme Court District Ethics Committee (Bergen County) 2012 – 2013
- Member, Supreme Court District Ethics Committee (Bergen County) 2010 – 2012, 2015 – 2018
- Chairman, Bergen County District Fee Arbitration Committee 2001
- Member, Bergen County District Fee Arbitration Committee 1999 – 2001
- Executive Committee, Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey 2014 – present
- Vice Chairman of the Board, Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey 2013 – 2014
- General Counsel, Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey 2008 – 2013
- Counsel, Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch 2008-2018
- General Counsel, Northern New Jersey Council Boy Scouts of America 2009 – 2013
- Lecturer, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Probate and Fiduciary Litigation
- Lecturer, National Business Institute, Preventing and Litigating Fiduciary Liability
- Bergen County Bar Association
- Assistant Bergen County Prosecutor, 1984 – 1985
- Attorney, Borough of Midland Park Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1994 – 2000

CIVIC / COMMUNITY

- Member, The President's Council, The Valley Hospital, 2012 – present
- Member, Board of Governors, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2007 – present
- Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, Borough of Upper Saddle River, 2013-2015
- Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission, Borough of Upper Saddle River, 2008-2012
- Member, Historic Preservation Commission, Borough of Upper Saddle River, 2015 – Present
- Secretary, Board of Trustees, Children's Aid and Family Services, 2007-2010
- Member, Board of Trustees, Children's Aid and Family Services, 2005-2010
- Member, Honorary Board of Trustees, Children's Aid and Family Services, 2015 – present
- Member, Executive Board, Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2013 – present
- Member, Board of Education, Borough of Upper Saddle River, 2007-2008
- Member, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Borough of Upper Saddle River, 2000-2004
- Councilman, Village of Ridgewood, 1986-1990
- Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Ridgewood Public Library, 1983-1984
- Board of Trustees, Ridgewood Public Library, 1980-1984
- Co-Chair of the Fairfield University Golf Team Friends of Golf, 2014-2015
- Member, Fairfield University Athletic Hall of Fame Committee 2014-2015

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Recipient Attorney Achievement Award, Bergen County Bar Foundation, 2019
- Recipient Community Service Award, Bergen County Bar Foundation, 2011
- Recipient The Brother Martin P. Burns, CFC Award, Bergen Catholic High School, 2011
- Recipient Stivale D'Italia, Best of New Jersey Award of Excellence, 2013
- Recipient Silver Beaver Award, Northern New Jersey Council Boy Scouts of America, 2013
- Recipient Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, National Eagle Scout Association, 2014
- Recognized by Best Lawyers in America as one of America's Best Attorneys for Estate Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Recognized by New Jersey Monthly Magazine as one of the best attorneys in New Jersey (Probate, Litigation)
- Recognized by 201 Magazine as one of the best attorneys in Bergen County (Trusts & Estates, Wills & Probate and Land Use & Planning)
- Recognized by Bergen Magazine as one of the best attorneys in Bergen County (Trusts & Estates, Wills & Probate)