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John W. McDermott is a Co-Managing Partner of Harwood Lloyd, LLP.

Mr. McDermott has engaged in all aspects of commercial transactions and litigation including but not limited to real estate, loans, mortgage foreclosures, fraud, land use and zoning. He is presently spearheading the development of the firm's Cannabis Law practice group.

Mr. McDermott received his B.S. in Economics, magna cum laude, from St. Peter's College in 2003. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 2008. While at Seton Hall, Mr. McDermott was a member of the Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Board and aided in drafting semester assignments which highlighted current discrepancies in federal appellate circuit court decisions. Additionally, Mr. McDermott authored, "Growth Attenuation in the Profoundly Developmentally Disabled: A therapeutic Option or a Socioeconomic Convenience" which was published in the Seton Hall Legislative Journal.

Mr. McDermott clerked for the Hon. Mark M. Russello, Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County.

Prior to joining Harwood Lloyd, Mr. McDermott worked for a Fortune 100 Company in Manhattan. He is actively involved in the community and has participated in and arranged various pro bono projects.

Mr. McDermott is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New Jersey (2008), the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2008), and the courts of the State of New York (2009).

Mr. McDermott was appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court and is currently serving as Vice Chair of the District IIB Ethics Committee. He was also previously appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on the New Jersey Fee Arbitration Committee where he served as Vice Chairman.

Mr. McDermott has been named by New Jersey Super Lawyers® magazine as one of the top attorneys in New Jersey. 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. McDermott has been named by Best Lawyers in America as one of America's Best Attorneys for Real Estate Law.

Mr. McDermott is named in New Jersey Monthly Magazine as one of New Jersey's best attorneys.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial and Business Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Commercial Litigation
- Zoning and Land Use
- Cannabis Law
- Insurance Law
- Appellate Law
- General Liability

EDUCATION

UNDERGRADUATE

- Saint Peter’s College (B.S. 2003) magna cum laude

LAW SCHOOL

- Seton Hall Law School (J.D. 2008)

ADMISSIONS

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey, 2008
- New York, 2009

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court,District of New Jersey, 2008

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Mark M. Russello, J.S.C., 2008-2009

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

LEGAL

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Bergen County Bar Association
- Chair of the BCBA Corporate & Business Law Committee for the 2025-2026 term

CIVIC / COMMUNITY

- Pro Bono, “Wills for Heroes Foundation” run through New Jersey Bar Association,Young Lawyers Division