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Personal Profile

After graduating from Boston College, *magis cum laude*, he received his law degree from Catholic University's Bos School of Law. With a steadfast love of the law, Billy opened his law office in 1982 in New England from Innes on Willet Avenue in Wickford, Rhode Island.

At his law practice, he learned that civic duty is the key to the meaningful practice of law. So, his commitments to the community have led him to the board of the East Providence Boys Club, spearheading a million dollar capital campaign for the parish, and serving as vice president of the Filibuster Foundation. He was appointed as a trustee for La Salle Academy in 2009.

In the legal profession, Billy is an active member of the Lawyer Program of the Rhode Island Bar. He has been honored with both its Distinguished Service Award and its Dorothy Lohmann Award. He is a board member for the Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization that serves small businesses and individuals with civil

Ethics

As a Legal Counsel for the Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, he represents the Chamber's highest ethical standards of conduct. He has grappled with complex ethical issues and been recognized for his work to uphold and promote the highest ethical standards.

He is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association's Ethics Committee, which assists the qualifications of attorneys for admission to the Rhode Island Bar.



Business and Individual Clients

Billy works with business clients on the vital issues of business creation and organization, employment matters, real estate zoning and land use. When needed, he brings his litigation skills and experience to federal and state courts and agencies on their behalf.

He counsels many closely held corporations including several Rhode Island based companies doing business on a regional, national and international scale. These include: a leading mechanical engineering firm, a transportation company providing services to the entire Eastern seaboard, and a steel fabrication and installation company with jobs throughout the Northeast.

Billy also represents individuals and their families in estate planning and probate matters as well as domestic relations.

Some recent examples of his aggressive advocacy for business and individual clients include:

- representing a leading supplier of analytical testing standards for chemicals in a substantial non-compete and disclosure case where his client's rights were fully protected and vindicated
- defending a Rhode Island retail mall in a matter before a utility regulatory agency in a multi-faceted enforcement action
- representing a New York based financial institution in the resolution of complex and conflicting financial claims involving a major waterfront development



Government and Municipal Clients



Billy often counsels Rhode Island cities and towns in a diverse array of significant legal issues that foster smart growth and development and advance the best practices for good government.

With a sound knowledge of municipal, labor, land use, and administrative law, he has represented the interests of the City of East Providence, Town of Johnston, Johnston School Committee, Town of Coventry, Warren Housing Authority, and other municipal agencies throughout the state.

Some of his most significant achievements include:

- the successful legal defense of favorable permits and zoning arrangements between a municipality and a global corporate client in the commercial and industrial property insurance industry
- the creation of a combined state and federal commission to streamline development approval processes
- the generation of increased tax revenue for one community through procedural and administrative efficiencies rather than raising taxes
- serving as the primary municipal negotiator in the modification of collective bargaining agreements that saved millions of dollars without resorting to costly litigation



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