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**EDUCATION**

Rutgers University School of Law  
Newark, New Jersey  
Juris Doctor **1977**

Rutgers College  
New Brunswick, New Jersey  
B.A. Magna Cum Laude **1973**

George Washington University  
Washington, D.C.  
Dean's List 1966-1968 **1966 to 1968**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Rutgers Law School**  
Law Review, Editorial Board  
Representative, Student Bar Association  
Chairman, Faculty Promotions & Tenure Committee  
Member, Faculty Appointments Committee  
Member, Rutgers Environmental Law Society

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**PRINCIPAL, MICHELE R. DONATO, P.A.** **1988 to Present**

Specialization in land use law, environmental law,  
historic preservation law and prerogative writ litigation.

**Partner** **1980 to 1988**  
Frizell & Pozycki, Esqs.  
Metuchen, New Jersey

**Associate** **1978 to 1980**  
Anshelewitz, Barr, Ansell  
& Bonello  
Oakhurst, New Jersey

**Law Clerk** **1977 to 1978**  
Honorable Merritt Lane, Jr.,  
A.J.S.C., prerogative writ  
calendar for Monmouth  
County

**Law Clerk** **1977**  
Essex County  
Essex County Prosecutor's  
Office, Appellate Section

**Law Clerk** **1976**  
Shanley & Fisher  
Newark, New Jersey

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Author**

The Department of the Public Advocate  
Public Interest Representation and Administrative Oversight,  
30 Rutgers L. Rev. 386 (1977)

### **Editor**

Survey of Administrative Law,  
30 Rutgers L. Rev. (1977)

### **Author**

New Jersey Practice, Skills and Methods, Updates  
1981 through 1985

### **Author**

Preserving New Jersey  
Commentary, 1986 through 1987

Frequent contributor to New Jersey Planner, League of Municipality and similar publications.

Edited the 2013 edition of Cox, Zoning and Land Use Administration in New Jersey.

### **Education**

Coadjutant Faculty Member

1983 to 2020  
Rutgers University  
Dept. of Government  
Services  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Presenter for New Jersey Planning Officials, and  
the Institute of Continuing Legal Education

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys  
(Trustee and Officer positions from 2008 to 2023)

New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys  
(President 2023 to Present)

New Jersey Planning Officials  
(Assistant and Associate Counsel 1992 to 2012)

New Jersey Planning Officials  
(General Counsel 2012 to Present)

Preservation New Jersey  
(Board member 1990 to 1999)  
(President 1990 to 1992)

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

2005 Oxford University Round Table  
2013 William Cox Award for Excellence in Land Use  
2011 to 2023 Super Lawyers  
League of Women Voters Environment Award  
Clean Water Action Grassroots Award  
Marquis Who's Who 2023

## **FORMER MUNICIPAL CLIENTS**

Bay Head Planning Board (Special Counsel 2002 to 2007)  
Beach Haven Historic Preservation Commission (2011 to 2017)  
Cape May Historic Preservation Commission (Special Counsel 1998 to 2004)  
Cranbury Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (1991 to 2005)  
Holmdel Planning Board (Special Counsel 2004 to 2008)  
Hopewell Township Planning Board (2000 to 2004)  
Lavallette Planning Board (1995 to 1999)  
Maplewood Historic Preservation Commission (2007 to 2012)  
Newark Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission (2012 to 2014)  
Ocean City Historic Preservation Commission (1990 to 1995)  
Piscataway Township Zoning Board of Adjustment (1980 to 1985)  
Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission (1985 to 1995)  
Plainfield Planning Board (2005 to 2015)  
Ridgewood Historic Preservation Commission (Special Counsel 1992)  
Shrewsbury Planning Board (1993 to 2019)  
Tinton Falls Planning Board (1988 to 2005)

## **PRESENT MUNICIPAL CLIENTS**

Allentown Planning Board and special counsel to Borough (2016 to Present)  
Red Bank Historic Preservation Commission (2022 to Present)  
Roosevelt Planning Board (1993 to Present)

**REFERENCES**      References and writing sample available upon request.