



Ronald L. Davison

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Overview

With more than fifty years of legal experience, Ronald Davison helps families, fiduciaries, and beneficiaries navigate the challenges of estate, trust, and guardianship matters with clarity, precision, and thoughtful guidance.

Ronald L. Davison is a Partner in the Firm's Elder Law Practice Group. With more than 50 years of experience, he advises and represents clients in estate, trust, and guardianship matters, including disputes involving wills, fiduciaries, and asset protection. His practice bridges elder law and litigation, bringing decades of courtroom experience to help families, fiduciaries, and beneficiaries resolve complex estate and trust issues with care and precision.

Throughout his career, Ronald has served as a court-appointed estate administrator, receiver, guardianship attorney, and attorney-trustee, giving him a deep understanding of the responsibilities and challenges faced by fiduciaries and families. He frequently lectures on topics related to will contests, trust and gift challenges, and business valuations in estate and family business disputes.

Dedicated to promoting fairness and integrity in the legal profession, Ronald has served for many years as a volunteer mediator on the Early Settlement Panels for the General Equity and Probate Parts of the Chancery Division of the Superior Court. He has been appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court as Chair of both the District Ethics Committee and the District Fee Arbitration Committee. He is also an active member of the Essex County Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association.

His representative matters include significant published and unpublished decisions involving estate and trust administration, guardianships, and fiduciary disputes, such as *In the Matter of the Davi H. Kato Special Needs Trust* (App. Div. 2024), *Venant v. Venant* (App. Div. 2023), and *In the Estate of Wilson* (App. Div. 2023).

Ronald earned his B.A. with high honors from Rutgers College in New Brunswick and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School in Newark. He is admitted to practice before the New Jersey State Courts and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey (both since 1971), the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (1976), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1982), and the U.S. Tax Court (2015).

Ronald has been recognized by *New Jersey Super Lawyers*® for Business Litigation and by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for commercial and trusts & estates litigation. He is also listed among the *New York Area's Best Lawyers* in commercial litigation and holds an AV® Preeminent™ rating from Martindale-Hubbell®, reflecting the highest standards of professional excellence.

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Experience

- New Jersey Supreme Court Attorney Fee Arbitration Committee (2014-2018); Chairperson (2017-2018)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Attorney District Ethics Committee, appointed by New Jersey Supreme Court (1983-1987); Chairperson (1986-87)
- Lecturer, NJICLE, Essex County Bar Ass'n, AICPA, estate and trust litigation, business valuation in shareholder oppression cases, ethics, etc.
- Mediator, Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, Chancery Division, General Equity and Probate Parts, Early Settlement Programs (2008 – present)
- Court-appointed attorney-trustee for suspended and disbarred attorneys
- Court-appointed administrator for estates
- Court-appointed attorney for alleged incapacitated persons
- Court-appointed receiver
- Board of Education of West Essex Regional Schools, North Caldwell, NJ (1992-2006) (President, 2002-2004)
- Assistant Dean and Lecturer, Rutgers Law School, Newark, NJ (1973-74)
- General Counsel to The Lisa B. Fishman Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to lymphoma and general cancer research
- Counsel to The Max Cure Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting research and aiding families with children stricken with rare forms of pediatric cancer.

Professional Affiliations

- Essex County Bar Association, Member
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member
- Chancery Division, General Equity Part, Essex County, Early Settlement Panel Member
- Chancery Division, Probate Part, Essex County, Early Settlement Panel Member
- Member, 1984-1987 and Chair, 1986-1987, Supreme Court of New Jersey Lawyers District Ethics Committee.
- Member, 2015-2017 and chair, 2017-2018, Supreme Court of New Jersey Fee Arbitration Committee.

Awards

- [New Jersey Super Lawyers®](#) – Business Litigation
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), in commercial litigation and trusts & estates litigation
- New York Area “Best Lawyers” in commercial litigation
- [AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®](#) – Highest Rating (AV) for legal ability and general reputation.

Published Decisions

- In the Matter of the Davi H. Kato Special Needs Trust, Appellate Division, No. A-04114-22 (February 26, 2024)
- Venant v. Venant, 2023 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1586 (App. Div. 2023)
- In the Estate of Wilson, 2023 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1286 (App. Div. 2023)
- Joemax Realty, Inc. v. Stonewall of Saddle River, L.P., 2017 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1507 (App. Div. 2017)

- Chicago Title Ins. Co. v. Union Ave. Holding, LLC, 2016 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1689 (Law Div. 2016)
- In the Matter of the Estate of Md. Belal Hussain, 2016 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS (Ch. Div. 2016)
- Bzsazu Realty, LLC v. Razi et al., 2016 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1461 (App. Div. 2016)
- Stonewall of Saddle River v. Northeast Linen Supply Corp., 2016 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 256 (Law Div. 2016)
- In the Estate of Mecca, 2011 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2468 (App. Div. 2011)
- Valley National Bank v. Tru Med Props, LLC, 2011 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2051 (App. Div. 2011)
- Cardoso v. Goldberg, 2007 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 871 (App. Div. 2007)
- Eatough v. Board of Medical Examiners, 191 N.J. Super. 186 (App. Div. 1983)

Areas of Practice

[Elder Law](#)

Admission

- New Jersey State Courts, 1971
- US District Court, District of New Jersey, 1971
- US District Court, Southern District of New York, 1976
- US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1982
- US Tax Court, 2015

Education

- Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey (1963-1967); BA (with high honors)
- Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey (1967-1971); JD

Speaking Engagements

- Assistant Dean and Lecturer, Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey, 1972 – 1973
- Lecturer, Civil Procedure and Commercial Law, Rutgers Law School, Newark, 1972 – 1973
- Lecturer, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education
- Lecturer, Essex County Bar Association
- Lecturer, Assoc. of International CPAs