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Peter Harvey is a past Attorney General of New Jersey and a former federal prosecutor. As such, Mr. Harvey has been a leading lawyer in civil and criminal trials, government investigations and consumer fraud matters for many years. A gifted trial lawyer, his nearly 30 years of courtroom experience includes significant commercial matters, frequently within the real estate, pharmaceutical and entertainment/sports industries.

Mr. Harvey is a member of the National Football League's ("NFL") Diversity Advisory Committee, serving as a consulting expert with respect to the NFL's effort to improve racial and gender diversity in the hiring of head coaches and senior executives throughout the NFL's 32-member clubs and League office. In 2016, he was nominated to serve as independent monitor for the Newark Police Department, responsible for overseeing the NPD's compliance with a Consent Decree issued by the U.S. Department of Justice. He also currently represents corporations and individuals in business disputes throughout the nation. He has tried several major civil and criminal jury and non-jury cases in federal and state courts. He also conducts internal investigations for senior executives seeking to learn facts about employee misconduct or inappropriate business practices. Mr. Harvey also assists clients in navigating Grand Jury Subpoenas and government Civil Investigative Demands. He works with clients to develop strategies to achieve the client's desired result, whether through trial, court decision or settlement.

Some of the recent civil and criminal matters handled by Mr. Harvey include:

- Representing the board of directors of a leading hospitality company in a shareholders' derivative action in federal court over a series of security breaches;
- Protecting a major energy company from "whistleblower" claims made under a false claims act;
- Representing major pharmaceutical companies in Attorneys General investigations and suits brought under state consumer fraud statutes;
- Extracting a target from a federal criminal tax fraud investigation;
- Defending a commercial bank in contract litigation;
- Shielding an Internet ticket company from an Attorney General's consumer fraud suit;
- Enforcing the rights of a management company in a contract dispute with a major recording artist;
- Defending a corporation and individual against criminal Medicaid fraud charges;

- Protecting the intellectual property rights of a major film director;
- Assisting a major professional sports league and teams with employee conduct policies and related issues; and
- Defending a major art dealer against breach of contract claims.

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- District of Columbia

Professional Activities

MEMBERSHIPS: Member, National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), Past representative to the DOJ Executive Working Group on Prosecutorial Relations; Chairman, NAAG Subcommittee on Gang Violence; Chairman, NAAG Corporate Responsibility Securities Working Group; Member, NAAG Task Force on Youth Access to Alcohol; Member, Columbia Law School Public Interest/Public Service Council; National Bar Association; American Bar Association.

HONORS: “Distinguished Leader,” *New Jersey Law Journal* (2017); “Most Influential Black Lawyers,” *Savoy Magazine* (2015); “Private Practitioner of the Year” by the Metropolitan Black Bar Association of New York City (2012); “100 Most Influential Black Americans,” *Ebony Magazine* (2005); “Top Black Lawyers in America,” *Black Enterprise Magazine* (2004); *New Jersey Law Journal*’s “Lawyer of the Year” (2003); Recognized in *Super Lawyers* in the area of Business Litigation.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Presenter, “Diversity in Law Practice: Recent Legal Developments,” PLI Webcast (February 10, 2017); Presenter, “The ABC’s of AML: An Introduction to the Law of Anti-Money Laundering,” Association of Corporate Counsel Webcast (February 14, 2014)

Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., 1982)
 - *Human Rights Law Review*
- Morgan State University (B.A., *with honors*, 1979)
 - Pi Sigma Alpha

Civil Rights & Policy

Mr. Harvey works with clients and nonprofit and municipal organizations on various civil rights and public interest legal and policy issues. For example, Mr. Harvey:

- Serves as a member of the National Football League’s (“NFL”) Diversity Advisory Committee, providing consultation with respect to the NFL’s effort to improve racial and gender diversity in the hiring of head coaches and senior executives throughout the NFL’s 32-member clubs and League office.
- Serves as independent monitor for the Newark Police Department, responsible for overseeing the NPD’s compliance with a Consent Decree issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Counsels professional sports organizations and leagues regarding sensitive legal and policy issues, including the development and implementation of domestic violence and other player conduct policies.
- Advises police organizations, law enforcement executives and city officials on issues relating to police conduct.
- Represents national civil rights organization in litigation pending in federal and state courts throughout the country.

- Serves on the Board of Directors of Futures Without Violence, focusing on domestic violence, sexual assault and childhood trauma policy issues.

As the Attorney General for the State of New Jersey, Mr. Harvey's initiatives included:

- Refined and strengthened a ground-breaking Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SART/SANE) program to assist sexual assault victims in coming forward without fear of being victimized again by the justice system that is meant to help them.
- Developed and implemented statewide the first of its kind racial profiling training program to help police agencies avoid engaging in selective enforcement in violation of state and federal constitutional mandates.
- Met face-to-face with thousands of middle-school students in high-risk communities throughout the State to have frank discussions about the real life consequences of gang activity and violence, as opposed to the images conveyed through media.
- Issued a directive mandating that all police departments in the State use "stationhouse adjustment" techniques, an alternative approach to resolving matters involving juveniles who are caught engaging in minor delinquent activity.

Government Service

As Attorney General of New Jersey, Mr. Harvey's work included:

- Directly managed and enforced compliance by the New Jersey State Police with U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree;
- Negotiated the two largest securities settlement payments in New Jersey history concerning insider trading and market timing cases;
- Acted as one of the lead Attorneys General in several multistate securities fraud settlements; and
- Restructured the Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, resulting in the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud's naming it the No. 1 insurance fraud prosecution office in the nation.

Mr. Harvey managed an Attorney General's Office of 9,600 employees in 10 separate divisions and a budget of approximately \$1 billion. He had principal responsibility for coordinating New Jersey's homeland security strategy for both law enforcement and the private sector as Chairman of the cabinet-level New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force. He was one of six Attorneys General that met regularly with the U.S. Attorney General and senior U.S. Department of Justice officials to discuss various national law enforcement policy issues. Mr. Harvey continues to be connected to issues upon which state Attorneys General are focused through his participation in the National Association of Attorneys General and his close association with present and former Attorneys General.

Mr. Harvey served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey where he tried cases involving financial fraud, organized crime and bank robbery. Upon graduation from Law School, he served as law clerk to the Hon. Dickinson R. Debevoise, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.