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Services and Industries

- Attorney and Judicial Ethics and Discipline
- Regulatory and Government Affairs
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Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*

West Chester State College, B.A.

Admissions

Pennsylvania

Florida

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States District Courts for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

United States District Courts for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Robert A. Graci (Ret.) is Chair of the firm's [Attorney and Judicial Ethics and Discipline](#) practice. As a former Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge and retired Chief Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania, Judge Graci brings more than 40 years of diverse judicial and legal experience to Saxton & Stump's clients. He also serves in the firm's [Appellate Advocacy](#) and [Investigations, White Collar and Criminal Defense](#) groups, as well as the [Higher Education](#) group with [Title IX](#) services.

Judge Graci also serves as a Mediator and Arbitrator for the firm's partner organization, Optimal Dispute Resolutions. Between his experience as an appellate judge, his service as Chief Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, and his work in the Attorney General's Office, Judge Graci has seen some of the most complex issues. As a result, he is well-positioned to approach each mediation and arbitration in a fair and objective manner to bring even the most complicated cases to resolution.

As Chief Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania, Judge Graci was Chief Legal Adviser to the Board and was responsible for supervision of the Board's staff, the conduct of its investigations and the Board's prosecutions before the Court of Judicial Discipline. During his time, he served in various capacities in leading and supporting investigations into allegations of misconduct and other Board activities.

Judge Graci served on the Superior Court from 2002 to 2004 before becoming a Member in the Harrisburg office of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, focusing his practice on appeals, general litigation, regulatory and administrative law and governmental relations. He was also engaged in the firm's white-collar defense practice representing individuals charged with fraud and corruption-related offenses, as well as those subpoenaed to appear before investigating grand juries. Drawing on his many years as an appellate litigator and judge, he chaired the firm's Appellate Practice Group, further refining his brief-writing and appellate advocacy skills while successfully navigating a number of appeals.

Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2002, Judge Graci was the Assistant Executive Deputy Attorney General for Law and Appeals of the Criminal Law Division of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (OAG). As a Deputy Attorney General for almost 18 years, he briefed and argued cases in each of the state and federal appellate courts in Pennsylvania, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States, and oversaw legal proceedings arising out of the investigating grand juries convened by the OAG.

Judge Graci has lectured for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Minor Judiciary Education Board, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, Delaware State Bar Association, and other forums. He has authored several articles and CLE course materials and has been recognized for his accomplishments by the PBA and the several attorneys general he served.

Experience

- Conducted and supervised confidential grand jury investigations at state and local levels and represented persons before investigating grand juries
- Conducted and supervised confidential investigations into alleged judicial misconduct
- Personally briefed or argued or supervised the briefing and arguing of hundreds of appeals in state and federal appellate courts
- Lectured on various topics including appellate advocacy and legal and judicial ethics

Recognitions

- Dauphin County Bar Association, President's Distinguished Service Award, 2026
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Special Achievement Award for Service as Chair of the CLE Program Development Subcommittee of the Task Force on the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice Report, 2011
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer
 - Appellate, 2007-2008 and 2011-2012
 - Gaming Law, 2010
- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Award for Excellence, 2008
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Special Achievement Award for Service as Co-chair of the Appellate Advocacy Committee, 2004
- Pennsylvania Attorney General, Certificate of Achievement, 1989, 1996 and 2002
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Special Achievement Award for Service as Chair of the Criminal Law Section, 2002
- Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation, Regional Vice President's Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy, 1991-1992

Community Involvement

- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Central Pennsylvania, Past Board of Trustees Member
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training – Member, Top Local Fundraiser 2010

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Lawyers Fund for Client Security, Former Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Florida Bar Association, Member
- The Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel, Former Member
- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Member
- Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit, Founding Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Past Chair of the Criminal Law Section and Co-chair of the Post-Trial and Appellate Advocacy Committee
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Criminal Procedural Rules Committee, Former Member
- Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Member
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Death Penalty Litigation Task Force, Former Member

- Pennsylvania Bar Institute Criminal Law Symposium Planning Committee, Member