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STEPHEN E. HERRMANN has broad experience in both the business and litigation areas of the practice of law. After serving as the Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Steve joined the firm in 1972.

A past president of the firm, Steve has more than 40 years' experience in advising boards of directors on corporate governance issues and in litigating these issues before the Delaware Court of Chancery. Steve is a charter member of the Advisory Board of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware. He has handled major commercial litigation in federal and state courts in Delaware as well as other states.

Steve was the first adjunct professor in environmental law at Widener University Law School, and the originator of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. In addition, he has spoken on environmental law at numerous seminars.

Steve advises clients on complex commercial transactions, particularly in the area of commercial aircraft financing and sale. He has been a speaker on various aviation issues at meetings held by McGraw-Hill's *Aviation Daily* and by the International Association of Aircraft Appraisers.

Representative Experience

- General counsel in the United States to the Chinese International Trust for Investment Corporation (CITIC)
- Legal advisor to Applied Bank and Applied Card Systems, Inc.
- Counsel to Wilmington Trust Company regarding its fiduciary obligations as trustee of airline assets, including representation in bankruptcies of Braniff Airways, Pan American World Airways, Eastern Airlines, Continental Airlines, Northwest Airlines and USAIR
- Delaware business and litigation counsel to HSBC and its subsidiary bank

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 1989
- *Super Lawyers*, 2013, 2012
- American College of Environmental Lawyers, Charter Regent

Community Activities

- Wilmington Housing Authority, Chairman
- Jewish Federation of Delaware, President
- Jewish Community Endowment Fund, Chairman
- Jobs for Delaware Graduates, Executive Committee
- Project Assist Institute, Executive Committee
- Delaware Theatre Company, Executive Committee
- Community Legal Aid Society, Executive Committee
- Grand Opera House, Trustee
- Christiana Care, Trustee

Education

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1969
- A.B., Princeton University, 1966

Admitted to Practice

- Delaware, 1969
- Virginia, 1969
- District of Columbia, 1970
- United States District Court, District of Delaware, 1970
- United States Court of Appeals Third Circuit, 1972
- United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit, 1984