



## Craig D. Gottilla

Craig D. Gottilla is a partner in Ansell Grimm & Aaron's Community Association Practice Group. He focuses his practice on representing condominiums, community associations, cooperatives and homeowners associations. As a group, Gottilla and his colleagues have more than 60 years of combined experience in the Community Association industry.

Mr. Gottilla counsels homeowners associations, condominiums, and cooperatives on a wide range of legal matters, including collections, construction defect litigation, delinquent assessments and common charges, the drafting and negotiation of service contracts, fair housing compliance, governance, municipal services and relations, restrictive covenant enforcement and interpretation, rules and regulations, transition negotiations with developers and/or sponsors, and the fiduciary duties of board members.

With a deep background in real estate litigation, commercial litigation, and insurance disputes, Mr. Gottilla has extensive experience litigating in federal and state courts in New Jersey and New York.

Mr. Gottilla is a member of the Insurance Council of New Jersey, the New York and New Jersey Bar Associations, the Middlesex County Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, as well as the Haydn Proctor American Inn of Court. In 2019, he was appointed by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders to a 5-year term on the Camden County Ethics Board, which focuses on ethics in government.

A graduate of Marist College, Mr. Gottilla went on to earn his law degree from Rutgers University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Gottilla served as the law clerk to the Honorable Clarkson F. Fisher, Jr., Presiding Judge for the Chancery Division in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County. He lives in New Jersey.

Representative matters include:

- The successful appeal of the denial of a claim by an insurance carrier for a condominium association for water and mold damage caused to multiple units.
- A successful no-cause verdict for a buyer on a breach of real estate contract action brought by seller and secured a judgment requiring the seller to return the buyer's deposit and pay all attorney's fees and costs.
- The representation of the SIPA Trustee for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC and the Chapter 7 Trustee of Bernard L. Madoff in connection with the recovery of assets for victims of Madoff's Ponzi scheme.
- Obtaining a summary judgment against an employee alleging sexual orientation discrimination and wrongful termination.

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### Area of Practice

- Community Association Law
- Commercial Real Estate
- Litigation

### Education

- J.D., Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, 1999
- B.A., Marist College, 1996

### Admissions

- New Jersey, 1999
- New York, 2001
- Pennsylvania, 2012
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 2001
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2003
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2008