

KIM D. RINGLER, Principal, The Ringler Law Firm, Waldwick, NJ has focused on attorney ethics as a practitioner, disciplinary prosecutor and member of adjudicatory committees for more than thirty years. A graduate of Oberlin College and Georgetown University Law Center, she was Deputy Director of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs in charge of all professional and occupational licensing boards. She also served as Legal Ethics Liaison Officer for the New Jersey Division of Law in Newark, NJ. She provided guidance on conflicts of interest and other executive branch ethics issues. The NJ Attorney General presented an Exceptional Service Award to her in 2014. She is a former Deputy Mayor of Ridgewood, NJ. She serves as municipal tax appeal attorney for the Borough of New Milford and an officer of the New Jersey State Bar Association Health and Hospital Law Committee.

Her appellate high points include U.S. v. Lieberman, (3rd Cir. 1992), which led to changes in the federal sentencing guidelines, and numerous cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court on legal ethics where she represented private litigants in ethics matters, defended restrictions imposed by the NJ Supreme Court Committee on Extra-Judicial Conduct on a lawyer-comedian turned judge, and appeared for the NJ Supreme Court Committee on Attorney Advertising regarding the scope of limitations on commercial speech. She served as President of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, an international organization of ethics attorneys.

As a Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Law and Public Safety, she recovered more than a million dollars for violations of standards of practice. She led the prosecution of a compounding pharmacy for contamination; established a nationally watched precedent for misleading advertising by dentists; and negotiated the imposition of public sanctions on prominent orthopedic surgeons who violated financial disclosure requirements. She received a Collaboration Award from the U.S. FDA for her participation in a joint federal/state investigation.

Prior to government service, Ms. Ringler practiced law in Bergen County for nearly twenty years and re-established her private practice, the Ringler Law Firm, in 2015.

She is a past president of Women Lawyers in Bergen, a past trustee of the Bergen County Bar Foundation, and past member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility, New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Committees on Professional Responsibility and on Professional Discipline, and liaison to the Professionalism Committee of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. The New Jersey Supreme Court appointed her to the District IIB Ethics Committee, Chair of the Fee Arbitration Committee. She also serves as court-appointed *pro bono* counsel for indigent attorneys in disciplinary cases. Ms. Ringler has presented and published on ethics topics ranging from pay-to-play legislation to conflicts of interest in health care law, to law firm risk management including continuing education programs on Local Government Ethics Law for the New Jersey Municipal Clerks Association, Ethics for Health Law Attorneys for the NYSBA and the NJSBA Health Law Sections, the Revolving Door for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, Legal Ethics for the Bergen County Bar Association and Appellate Ethics for the Third Circuit Judicial Conference.