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John D. Cromie is a partner at Connell Foley and concentrates his practice on business and commercial law issues, including corporate law and transactions, real estate law, and banking law and finance. He serves as the Chair of Connell Foley's Corporate Law and Transactions Practice Group. Mr. Cromie counsels a wide variety of clients, ranging from Fortune 500 public companies to privately owned mid-cap enterprises and start-up ventures.

Mr. Cromie is a member of the USLAW Network, Inc. and currently serves as Vice-Chair of that organization's Transactional Practice Group. In addition, he is a member of the American Bar Association and serves on its Real Property and Probate Loan Practices and Lender Liability Committee.

From 1991 until 1997, Mr. Cromie served as Adjunct Law Professor of Legal Writing and Research at Seton Hall University.

In addition to Mr. Cromie's legal work, he recently completed three three-year terms as an elected Councilman on the Borough Council for the Borough of Allendale in Bergen County, New Jersey. During his time in office, he oversaw the construction of a \$3.2 million public safety complex.

Mr. Cromie has spent his entire professional career with Connell Foley. He joined the firm in 1988 as an associate and became a partner on January 1, 1996.

Following law school, Mr. Cromie completed a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Daniel J. O'Hern, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Mr. Cromie was a Member and later the Managing Editor of the *Seton Hall Law Review*. He is the author of *States May Selectively Authorize Regional Bank Holding Company Acquisitions*, which appeared at 17 *Seton Hall Law Review* 106 (1987).

### Publications

- Co-author, "Officers Owe Corporations the Same Fiduciary Duties That Directors Owe" published in the *New Jersey Law Journal* ( June 2010)
- Co-author, "Employees Now Protected Against Retaliation For Merely Requesting FMLA Leave" published in *New Jersey Constructor* magazine, Issue 2 (2010)
- Co-author, "Responsible Officer Doctrine: California Appellate Case Demonstrates How a Corporate Officer Can Become Personally Liable" published in *NJSBA Business Law Section Newsletter*, Vol. 33, No. 2. (January 2010)

### Practice Areas:

Corporate Law and Transactions  
Real Estate Law and Land Use  
Banking Law and Finance  
Construction Law

### Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey  
United States District Court for the  
District of New Jersey

### Education:

University of Notre Dame (B.A.,  
1984)  
Seton Hall University (J.D., *cum  
laude*, 1987)

### Affiliations:

American Bar Association  
New Jersey State Bar Association  
Essex County Bar Association  
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- Co-author, "Data Breaches Responsibilities" published in *New Jersey Business* magazine (December 2009)
- Co-author, "Data Breaches: Will You Be Protected? Six Essential Questions to Ask Your Target Company" published in *USLAW* magazine (Fall/Winter 2009)
- Co-author, "Ensuring Success" published in *Construction Today* (September 2009)
- Co-author, "M&A Advice in Troubled Times" published in *New Jersey Business* magazine (April 2009)
- Author, "Mergers, Acquisitions, Market Turbulence and the Credit Crunch" published in *USLAW* magazine (Fall/Winter 2008)
- Co-author, "New Consequences for Fraudulent Dealings with the State of New Jersey" published in *New Jersey Constructor* magazine (October 2008)
- Co-Author, "Contractors Beware: Recent Regulatory Enactments Require Additional Compliance" published in *New Jersey Constructor* (2008)
- Co-Author, "Courts Press Expansive View of Arbitration Clauses" published in the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2007)
- Co-Author, "State Contractors Prohibited From Making Campaign Contribution" published in *New Jersey Constructor* (2005)
- Co-Author, "Steel Price Escalation Threatens NJ Contractors - A Proposed Two-Part Solution" published in *New Jersey Constructor* (2004)
- Co-Author, "Shifting Risk for Unknown Subsurface Site Conditions in State and Federal Projects" published in *New Jersey Constructor* (2004)
- Co-Author, "Set-Aside Act Amended to Remove State Contract Set-Asides for Minority Owned and Female Owned Business" published in *New Jersey Constructor* (2003)
- Co-Author, "Letters of Credit Offer Landlords Protection Against Tenant Bankruptcies" published in *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* (2002)
- Co-Author, "Secured Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act" published by the American Bar Association (2001)
- Co-Author, "Court Stakes a Middle Ground On Free Speech in Shopping Malls" published in *New Jersey Law Journal* (2000)

### Representative Experience

- Preliminary and final site plan approval for approximately 40,000 sq. ft. retail site location located on 6.7 acres of prime commercial real estate at the corner of Eagle Rock Avenue and Eisenhower Parkway in Roseland, New Jersey;
- Preliminary and final subdivision and site plan approval to construct a 412 unit residential community situated on 30 acres in Piscataway, New Jersey;
- Closing of title to and acquisition of preliminary and final site plan and subdivision approval with respect to a 20 acre tract in Edison, New Jersey;
- Preliminary and final subdivision and site plan approval and acquisition of seven acre tract in Springfield, New Jersey on Victory Road;
- Application authorizing construction of a 100,000 sq. ft. self-storage facility;
- Sale of 100+ acres of commercial real estate in South Brunswick, New Jersey;
- Negotiation of several commercial leases involving tenant space in excess of 100,000 sq. ft. of prime commercial office space in the aggregate;
- Approximately 35,000 square foot retail project located on Eisenhower Parkway in Roseland, New Jersey; project involved substantial corporate restructuring, preliminary and final site plan approval, financings, and preparation and negotiation of thirteen retail leases; representation ultimately involved the sale of the completed property to a third party and included negotiation of the contract and related transactional work.

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