

# TOP MANAGING PARTNERS

## Connell Foley LLP

# Philip F. McGovern Jr.

### VITAL STATS

#### EDUCATION

Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1984)

St. Michael's College (B.A., 1980)

#### YEARS WITH FIRM: 33

#### AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America (2013-2016), including "Lawyer of the Year" in Mergers and Acquisitions Law – Newark (2016)
- Irish Legal 100 (2015)

#### AFFILIATIONS

- Chairman, Board of Trustees of St. Peter's Preparatory School
- Chairman, Township of Nutley Planning Board
- First Vice Chair, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Board of Directors of Hudson County Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Board of Directors of Jersey City Economic Development Corporation

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Philip F. McGovern Jr. is the Managing Partner of Connell Foley LLP, long recognized as one of New Jersey's most prominent and highly regarded law firms. With approximately 120 attorneys and seven offices across New Jersey and New York, the firm is proud of its mission to empower clients through innovative and strategic legal representation. This forward-thinking mindset reflects the firm's unwavering commitment to its clients, employees, community and profession.

With hands-on experience in the industries that play a major role in the regional economy, Connell Foley boasts trial and transactional attorneys with in-depth knowledge in areas such as banking, cybersecurity and data privacy, construction, environmental, healthcare, insurance, pharmaceutical, real estate, retail, taxation and estates, transportation, and others. The firm counts among its members nine attorneys who are Certified Civil Trial Attorneys, giving the firm a competitive edge in today's complex litigation.

Mr. McGovern, who joined Connell Foley as a law clerk in 1983, became the firmwide Managing Partner in January 2016. Prior to this time, he held several leadership positions at the firm, including serving on Connell Foley's Strategic Planning Committee, Hiring Committee, Management Committee and Executive Committee. In the late 1990s, he was a strong proponent of opening an office in Jersey City, as he saw tremendous potential for real estate and other business development in the greater Hudson County area. In 2002, Connell



Foley opened its Jersey City office, with Mr. McGovern leading the efforts. The office has been a tremendous success for the firm and has been involved in a majority of the significant real estate development projects in that city. The firm expects to model this same success as it expands into other cities throughout the region.

Looking forward to the next chapter in Connell Foley's history, Mr. McGovern first and foremost strives to continue the firm's steadfast commitment to providing superior legal representation to its clients, while simultaneously fostering a work environment that is conducive to the professional and personal growth of its attorneys and staff. The firm takes great pride in attributing its 75+ year success equally to the talent of its attorneys as to the dedication demonstrated by all of its employees. "This is an exciting time for the firm," said Mr. McGovern, "and I am proud to work with all who comprise Connell Foley as we continue to deliver outstanding and innovative service to our clients." **TMP**