

Biography of Thomas C. Jardim

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TOM JARDIM is an attorney with a private practice, Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C. in Florham Park, New Jersey, where he specializes in civil trial practice, employment law and construction law.

Mr. Jardim was elected mayor of the Town of Westfield in 1996, and was reelected to that position in 1998. He was the first Democratic elected mayor of Westfield since 1909. In 2001, Mr. Jardim was a candidate for the New Jersey State Assembly from the 21st Legislative District.

Tom served as an Adjunct Professor in Legal Research and Writing at Seton Hall Law School. He was Chairman of the District XB Attorney Ethics Committee. He has served as the President of the Union County League of Municipalities, as an officer with the Portuguese American Congress of New Jersey and an Advisory Board of Trustees Member of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, New Jersey. He has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Foundation, the Westfield Interfaith Community Preservation Association and the Westfield Neighborhood Council.

He served as Board Chairman of CeasefireNJ, a gun violence prevention organization, and is currently on the Boards of the Morristown's Mayo Performing Arts Center, the Community Health Law Project and Central Jersey Legal Services. He is a founding member and current vice-president of the Raritan Valley Line Rail Coalition, a coalition of municipal and county officials, rail advocates and commuters. He also served on the New Jersey Committee of the Regional Plan Association.

Mr. Jardim is a 1988 graduate of the University of Richmond and received a law degree and a masters in foreign affairs, magna cum laude, from the American University in 1993. Prior to law school, Mr. Jardim spent six months living in Tanzania in East Africa while conducting research and co-writing a documentary film.

Prior to engaging in the private practice of law, Mr. Jardim worked at the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Executive Office of Asset Forfeiture, in the U.S. Department of Justice and as an Assistant Legislative Liaison with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.