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William Sasso has served as chairman of Stradley Ronon’s management committee and board of directors since 1994. As chairman, he is responsible for oversight and management of more than 200 attorneys in the firm’s eight offices in Philadelphia, Malvern and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Wilmington, Delaware; Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; Chicago; and New York.

During his 40-plus years of experience, he has counseled privately and publicly held companies and religious and nonprofit organizations in various matters, including general corporate and securities law, mergers and acquisitions, health care, education, medical devices, tax and real estate.

After the November 2016 election Mr. Sasso was asked by Attorney General – elect Josh Shapiro to serve as senior counsel to his transition team. He was also appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf to serve on the board of Independence Blue Cross. He was appointed by former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure and Investment Authority (PENNVEST) and as a Commissioner of the Delaware River Port Authority, an office he held until 2015. He was asked in 2010 by then-Governor-elect Corbett to co-chair his Transition Team in preparation for taking office in January 2011.

In 2018, Mr. Sasso received a lifetime achievement award from the Philadelphia Inquirer for his leadership in the legal and business community. Since 2017, he has been named to the Philadelphia Business Journal’s “Power 100” list of the most influential people in the Philadelphia region. The publication deemed him the “dean of Philadelphia’s law firm leaders” and noted that he “often serves as the legal adviser of choice for some of the region’s key business and political leaders.” In 2019, Mr. Sasso was selected by the Philadelphia Business Journal as one of Philadelphia’s Most Admired CEOs. The honorees include 25 individuals “who are established leaders with a record of innovation, outstanding financial performance, a commitment to quality, a strong vision, a commitment to diversity in the workplace and contributions to Greater Philadelphia.” He was also inducted into the Philadelphia Business Journal’s “Best of the Bar: Hall of Fame” to honor his outstanding 47-year legal career.

In addition, Mr. Sasso was also awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by The Legal Intelligencer. The award honors “the best the Pennsylvania legal community has to offer,” noting that honorees have “moved forward the legal profession in the state, helped foster the legal education of younger attorneys and stood as examples of some of the best virtues of Pennsylvania attorneys.” In addition, Mr. Sasso was named as one of the “23 Most Influential Business People in Philadelphia” by *Philadelphia Business Journal* readers. He was the only

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FOCUS

Public Companies
Closely Held & Family Owned Businesses
Nonprofit & Religious Organizations
Government & Public Affairs
Real Estate
Health Law
Energy & Regulatory
Financial Services
Tax
Special Situations

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

COURTS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Tax Court
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Supreme Court

EDUCATION

J.D., Harvard Law School
B.A., La Salle University

MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Board Committee, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
American Bar Association, Taxation and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Sections
Board Member, CTCA Global, Inc.
Chairman of the Board, Holy Redeemer Health System
Board President, Cancer Treatment Centers of American – Philadelphia
Board of Advisors, Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation
Board of Directors, CrossCurrent Business Analytics
Board of Directors, Fred’s Footsteps
Board of Directors, Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation



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practicing attorney included on the prestigious list. He was also honored by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* as one of the publication's "2015 Outstanding Directors" due to his work with the Children's Scholarship Fund and by *Philly Biz* as one of the region's "Best Business Lawyers." Mr. Sasso was named to *City and State Pennsylvania's* "Power 100" in 2017 and 2018. He was also recognized by *City and State Pennsylvania* as one of the "Top 10 Titans: Power Players You Need to Know" in Pennsylvania politics in 2016 and *Philly Biz* honored him as one of their "Power 50," a list of 50 men and women "shaping the future of Philadelphia's business community."

He was also recognized by the American Diabetes Association for his commitment to this organization, and was the recipient of the Chairman's Award from the USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey in honor of his service to the country and his sustained and significant support of the USO mission.

Notably, Mr. Sasso and the firm were selected as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Americanism Award recipients – which recognized their commitment to the Greater Philadelphia community and to the values of ADL. Mr. Sasso was honored with the American Jewish Committee's Judge Learned Hand Award, presented each year to a member of the Philadelphia Bar whose achievements exemplify the high principles and noble traditions associated with Judge Learned Hand. Also, Mr. Sasso and the firm were presented with the "Stand and Deliver Award" by Philadelphia Academies for their commitment to providing educational opportunities to inner-city youth.

He was also the recipient of the William Penn Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a business person in Greater Philadelphia. Awarded annually since 1949, recipients are chosen for their outstanding contributions toward the betterment of the region, their professional accomplishments and their commitment to charity, as well as to the community.

In 2016, Mr. Sasso received an honorary degree from Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law. In 2015, he was chosen by Philadelphia University to serve as the school's undergraduate commencement speaker, and the university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Mr. Sasso was recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for being "known throughout the region for his integrity, tenacity, and pragmatic approach as a business leader and attorney."

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, "Innovating to the Top," B.PhI Innovation Fest
- Panelist, "The Philadelphia Advantage," Turning Philadelphia into a Financial Hub, *Philadelphia Business Journal*
- Moderator, Main Line Chamber of Commerce Annual Summit on Business Leadership & Corporate Volunteerism
- Panelist, "Legends of the Bar," Legends and Rainmakers in Law: Building a Practice, *Philadelphia Business Journal*

RECOGNITIONS

- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, Best of the Bar: Hall of Fame
- *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Influencers of Law – Lifetime Achievement
- Saint Martin de Porres Award

MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors, Children's Scholarship Fund
Board of Directors, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
Board Member, Visit Philadelphia
Board Member and Past Chairman, National Constitution Center Corporate Council Program
Board of Trustees, La Salle University
Chairman, Select Greater Philadelphia Children's Commission of Distinguished Leaders in Philadelphia
Governing Board, Committee of Seventy
Independence Health Group Board
National Health Lawyers Association
Philadelphia Bar Association, State and Local Tax and Real Property Sections
Philadelphia Facilities Task Force
Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee
Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce



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- *South Jersey Biz*, Top CEOs/CFOs
- *South Jersey Biz*, Most Successful Executives
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, “Power 100”
- *City & State Pennsylvania*, “Power 100”
- *Philly Biz*, “Top CEOs and CFOs”
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, Lifetime Achievement Award
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, “Most Admired CEOs”
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, “Most Influential Business People in Philadelphia”
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, “2015 Outstanding Directors”
- *Philadelphia Business Journal*, “Power 76”
- *Philly Biz*, “Power 50”
- *Philly Biz*, “Best Business Lawyers”
- *City & State Pennsylvania*, “Top 10 Titans: Power Players You Need to Know”
- Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, William Penn Award
- Anti-Defamation League, Americanism Award
- USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Chairman’s Award
- American Jewish Committee, Judge Learned Hand Award
- American Diabetes Association, Father of the Year Award
- Fox Chase Cancer Center, Reimann Honor Award
- Philadelphia Academies, Stand and Deliver Award
- *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*
 - “William Sasso is noted for his breadth of expertise in areas ranging from corporate and securities law to healthcare. One source notes: ‘He is the kind of person you can bring any problem to and will offer amazing guidance and practical hands-on tactics.’”
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Preeminent rating

IN THE COMMUNITY

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Sasso is widely recognized as a community leader in the Delaware Valley. He previously served as chairman of the board of directors of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, where he oversaw the Chamber’s executive committee and its board of directors, which included advancing the business community’s agenda. He continues to serve on the Chamber’s board and executive committee, and he is also a member of the Paradigm Award Committee, which honors the outstanding business woman of the year. He also serves as Chairman of Select Greater Philadelphia, one of the four divisions of the Chamber.

Mr. Sasso previously served on the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau board and executive committee, and currently serves on the board of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation.

Mr. Sasso is especially interested in charitable activities in the areas of education and health care. His private life is noteworthy for the leadership roles he has



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taken in so many areas, including:

- Board of Advisors, Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation
- Board of Directors, Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation
- Board of Directors, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
- Board of Trustees, La Salle University
- Chairman of the Board, Holy Redeemer Health System
- Founding Trustee, Leo Niessen, Jr. Charitable Foundation, which benefits inner-city youth and working women in need and meets health care and educational needs
- Board President, Cancer Treatment Centers of America – Philadelphia
- Recipient of a Papal Knighthood from Pope John Paul II as a Knight of St. Gregory the Great
- Special Counsel, Montgomery County Higher Education and Health Authority
- Board of Directors, Children’s Scholarship Fund

