

Personal Bio

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Richard Crowell , a Rhode Island native, stands as one of few practicing attorneys in south eastern New England holding **both a Masters in Business Administration** and a specialized **law degree** supported by actual operational experience in managing successful businesses. Such varied and hybrid background has allowed Mr. Crowell to effectively represent **regional advocacy groups** in challenging questionable construction and land-use projects ranging from utility transmission line proposals to development proposals posing detrimental environmental and public health consequences.

A graduate of Syracuse University, where he began a career of advocacy in being elected President of the 17,000 member student body, Richard Crowell has spent over 15 years successfully representing client causes by tempering legal strategy with practical marketing and business principles. Beginning with the **RI Attorney General's office**, his broad based career has included service as **legal counsel to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission**, an extended tenure as both private and in-house corporate counsel, as well lead counsel to multiple public and private advocacy projects .

Representative assignments and accomplishments include:

- Initiation and execution of a litigation strategy resulting in Rhode Island gaining “neighboring state” status to support a filing for low cost power with the New York Power Authority. Successful argument and award of an ongoing grant of substantial electric power lowering RI utility rate led to promotion and public citation from the Governor of Rhode Island.
- Service as Special Assistant Attorney General within the RI Office of Attorney General. Lead counsel supporting counsel or hearing office in over (65) public utility matters including electric, gas and water rate filings.
- Successful representation , administrative and judicial advocacy of multiple client groups in various challenges to private, municipal and public utility proposals since 1992.
- Lead counsel in successful land-use challenge to full scale batching plant complex in western Cranston from November, 2005 to March, 2006.
- Lead counsel in successful public interest group challenge to National Grid electric rate application directly leading to rate rollback and refund in excess of 3.9% in 2006.
- Lead counsel with respect to land-sue challenge to concrete batching proposed in eastern Cranston from July, 2006 to date leading to proposed settlement agreement.

Areas of expertise include :

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor and Employment Law• Corporate Litigation.• Regulatory Compliance.• Business Transactions• Intellectual Property | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Utilities Regulation• Energy Law• Administrative Law• Contracts & Leases• Real Estate Law |
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Richard Crowell resides in Cranston, RI with his wife of Patricia and daughters Emily and Elizabeth . To date Mr. Crowell has been active in over 22 civic or charitable causes raising substantial monies for nonprofit causes while being presented with multiple awards and recognitions by youth and nonprofit organizations.