

STEVEN H. RICHMAN

STEVEN H. RICHMAN is the General Counsel for the Board of Elections in the City of New York. He is the chief legal officer of the agency that administers the largest and most complex electoral system in the nation. Appointed in 1999, he has overseen the dramatic change in the method that New Yorkers use to cast their ballots as well as help guide the Board through critical periods including conducting elections during and after the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 as well as the November 2012 Presidential Election in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Steven is admitted to the practice of law in New York State and in the federal district courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude* from Brooklyn College of the City of University of New York.

Following graduation from law school, Steven joined the administration of Governor Mario M. Cuomo. He served as an Assistant Counsel in the Executive Department, Director of Off-Track Betting for the State Racing and Wagering Board as well as Executive Director of the NYS Commission on the Future of Racing and Gaming. In 1995, Allie Sherman, President of the NYC Off-Track Betting asked Steven to join his executive staff, first as Deputy General Counsel and then as Special Counsel and Chief of Staff to the President. Prior to assuming his current post, he served as Legislative Counsel to Peter Abbate, then Chair of the State Assembly Committee on Cities, as well as Special Counsel to the NYS Senate Democratic Leader. While in law school, he served as an Assistant to City Council Member Jay O'Donovan and a Law Clerk for the Hon. Salvatore T. DeMatteo, working in New York State Supreme Court, Kings County.

Steven is a founding member of the New York State Bar Association's Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section where he currently chairs its Legislative Committee and serves as the Section's representative in the NYSBA House of Delegates. He has also served as the Section's Secretary and Treasurer as well as an Executive Committee member, Secretary and Vice Chair of the State Bar's Section Delegates Caucus. Recently, he was appointed the Co-Chair of the Committee on Election Law and Government Affairs for NYSBA's General Practice Section. Steven is also a member of NYSBA's Committee on Legislative Policy and its Section on State and Local Government.

Among other professional and community activities, he served as a Trustee of the Brooklyn Bar Association, where he currently serves as the Chair of its Committee on Attorneys in Government and Public Service and member of its Judiciary and Legislative Committees. He has served on Brooklyn's Community Board 11 as well as the Board of Directors of Brooklyn College Alumni Association, the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Heart Share, and the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association.

Steven is a proud Democratic. A founder of the Brooklyn College Democrats and holder of multiple officer positions in the New York State Young Democrats, he has been a member of the Stars and Stripes Democratic Club since 1981. He served as a member of the White House Advance team for then President and First Lady Bill & Hilary Clinton, Vice Presidents Al Gore and Joe Biden. He has attended every Democratic National Convention since 1976 and served as a staff member for the New York State Delegations at those conventions since 1988. Steven Richman, a life-long resident is also an avid fan of the New York Mets, Jets, and Rangers and regularly plays tennis.

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