

Scott Richardson, a go-to lawyer for high-profile cases, represents Trump's campaign manager

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Scott Richardson, right, represented polo mogul John Goodman, left, at his DUI manslaughter retrial in 2014. (Lannis Waters / The Palm Beach Post)

West Palm Beach attorney Scott Richardson, a go-to lawyer for local high-profile cases, is getting national attention by representing Donald Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, who faces a battery charge.

Richardson was part of the defense team for John Goodman, the Wellington polo club founder convicted of DUI manslaughter. He represented the Rev. John Skehan, who was convicted of stealing from a Delray Beach church.

Richardson through the years has represented law enforcement officers. That includes Darren Cogoni, a former Delray Beach rookie police officer who was not charged after shooting and killing an unarmed teen in 2005, and David Carhart, a sheriff's captain who in 2006 pleaded guilty to cyber-stalking and witness tampering.

He also represented Judge Barry M. Cohen, who was reprimanded by the Florida Supreme Court after making comments that raised questions about the judge's impartiality.

The 62-year-old attorney, who runs a solo law practice, lives in Wellington. He serves as vice chairman on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Richardson, who graduated from the University of Florida's law school, started his legal career in 1978 as a prosecutor for the **Palm Beach County** State Attorney's Office, according to his online bio.

He shifted to private practice in 1982, working as a defense attorney in everything from DUI cases to homicides.

In 2010, Richardson went back to the State Attorney's Office. He was named first assistant state attorney, supervising 125 prosecutors.

Richardson returned to private practice in 2012.

Richardson has served as visiting law professor in Europe. During his travels, he visited sites of Holocaust atrocities and later developed a program that he presented to **Palm Beach County** high school students studying the Holocaust.

"He's a down-to-earth, great guy with no sense of how great he really is, as both a person and a lawyer," former State Attorney Barry Krischer told the Sun Sentinel in 2008.

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