

**Nina Mitchell Wells**



Nina Mitchell Wells served as New Jersey Secretary of State from 2006 to 2010 under Governor Jon Corzine. During her tenure, she was responsible for promoting travel and tourism, history, arts and cultural organizations and was the State's chief elections official. From 2012 until 2018, having been appointed by President Barack Obama, she served as a Director of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. MWAA oversees the operations of Reagan (National) and Dulles airports.

Previously, Ms. Wells served as President of the Schering-Plough Foundation, and Vice President of Public Affairs for Schering-Plough Corporation. She practiced corporate law for major corporations, including New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, Bell Communications Research, Inc. and the CIT Group, Inc. As a corporate attorney she specialized in real estate, land use and contracts. Ms. Wells also served as the state-wide consumer utility advocate as head of the Division of Rate Counsel in the Department of the Public Advocate and also served as a Rutgers University Law School Assistant Dean. She also served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Newark.

Ms. Wells has served as a board member of secondary and collegiate institutions, cultural organizations, foundations, community organizations and various philanthropic causes. She currently serves on the boards of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, The New Jersey Performing Arts Center and Saint Barnabas Medical Center. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Newton College of the Sacred Heart (now Boston College) and she holds a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Ms. Wells was a Woodrow Wilson Corporate Visiting Fellow and is a graduate of the NYU Stern School of Business, Executive Management Program. She has received Honorary Degrees from the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, NJ, and from Drew University in Madison, NJ.