

Municipal, Zoning, Land Use and Permitting

The attorneys in our Municipal, Zoning, Land Use and Permitting department advise municipalities, property owners, developers and not-for-profit entities throughout New York and New Jersey in all aspects of real property-related regulatory and compliance matters.

Representation for Property Owners, Developers and Not-for-Profit Entities

Our services in this area include representing property owners and developers in the submission of applications for subdivisions, use and area variances, special permits, requests for zone changes, exterior design review, environmental review under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and all other aspects of the land use approval process. Our attorneys regularly represent clients before all types of city, town and village zoning and planning boards, and we routinely represent clients in land use litigation involving subdivisions and site plans, variances, conditional use approvals, and enforcement and violations of municipal zoning and fire code laws. Our attorneys are also intimately familiar with the laws that provide real property tax exemptions to not-for-profit entities, and we routinely assist our not-for-profit clients in maintaining these exemptions.

Representation for Municipalities

Our attorneys also have decades of experience representing New York and New Jersey municipalities in zoning and land use matters. This includes serving as counsel to governing boards, zoning boards of appeal, planning boards and architectural design review boards. Our firm has longstanding relationships with numerous municipal entities, and we have a strong reputation for providing practical and workable guidance that protects the interests of municipalities while also facilitating local growth and development.