



Joe Russell

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Education

- Albany Law School, *Cum Laude*, JD
- St. Lawrence University, *Cum Laude*, BA

Practices & Industries

- Land Use & Zoning
- Public Finance
- Real Estate
- Trusts & Estates

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Biography

A municipal attorney with over 30 years of legal experience, Joe primarily concentrates his practice on representing numerous municipalities throughout Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Oswego Counties. He regularly counsels local government officials on a variety of issues that impact municipal entities on a daily basis and he serves as local and bond counsel to local governments engaged in significant infrastructure projects.

Joe also serves as general counsel to corporate clients in matters ranging from business-entity guidance and incorporation to succession planning. He advises and represents financial institutions in residential and commercial transactions and counsels clients on matters involving asset purchase and sales of retail businesses and commercial properties. He additionally advises and represents NYS economic development entities, including industrial development agencies (IDAs) and several local development corporations.

Bar Associations

- Jefferson County Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Association of Towns of the State of New York
- New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials

Representative Experience

- Represented a St. Lawrence River municipality and local development corporation in the acquisition and environmental remediation of a heavily contaminated industrial site located

on the shore of the St. Lawrence River, permitting the parcel to be conveyed to a commercial developer and resulting in the construction of a high-end hotel. The project also included the creation of a public river walk and municipally owned marina on the site.

- Represented a local IDA in the implementation of a community development agreement to facilitate the construction and rehabilitation of military housing units located in Fort Drum.

Prior Experience

- Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C., Shareholder
- Conboy, McKay, Bachman & Kendall, LLP, Partner
- Office of the US Army Judge Advocate General, Captain

Selected Community Activities

- Alexandria Township Historical Society, Director
- River Hospital, Board of Directors Chair
- Northern New York Community Foundation, Former President

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Tug Hill Council Semi-Annual Meeting, "Municipal Law Updates"