

# Land Use & Zoning

We represent clients in all aspects of land use and zoning issues, including permitting and variance requests, zoning requests and hearings, appeals of administrative and governmental decisions regarding land use, property due diligence, Article 78, and land use litigation. Through strong project management skills and a detailed understanding of deadlines and time constraints, our attorneys have built a proud reputation and substantial practice that includes clients such as major retail chains, commercial and residential developers, and homebuilders.

Our zoning and planning work on behalf of clients extends to site plan approvals, special use permits, variance relief and subdivision approvals, plus administrative and quasi-judicial proceedings involving municipal bodies and zoning and planning boards.

Every day, individuals and businesses throughout New York State are faced with countless administrative and code enforcement concerns. Whether the issue is compliance, permitting, licensing, or application preparation, our Land Use & Zoning Practice Area attorneys advise and represent clients before local and state boards, agencies, and commissions.

Court challenges to action or inaction by municipal agencies and officers are brought pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law & Rules (CPLR). After reviewing the case and scrutinizing the agency's actions and decisions, the state Supreme Court may ultimately reverse an agency's decision or procedures or, alternatively, order the agency to expedite its decision. Our attorneys have successfully represented municipalities and their respective agencies in Article 78 proceedings of all types and have had many lawsuits dismissed.

Our attorneys also advise municipal clients on the full spectrum of environmental issues arising from land use and development, solid waste management, resource recovery, and recycling. Using the latest methods and resources, we provide experienced counsel on compliance with SEQRA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, SARA and Community Right-to-Know laws, RCRA, TSCA, OSHA, and their NYS counterparts.