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Practice Groups

Energy + Environmental
Land Use, Zoning + Development
Real Estate

Jennifer is a Partner at the firm and one of the firm's LEED (R) AP attorneys. Jennifer has practiced land use law in the Mid-Hudson Valley for more than 25 years. Her clients include a broad range of mixed-use, commercial, industrial, and non-profit developers, both as applicants for land use and environmental permits and in matters relating to municipal law enforcement and contracts with governmental agencies. She regularly appears before Planning Boards, Town/City/Village Boards, Zoning Boards and other permitting boards and agencies. She has worked on a number of projects involving adaptive reuse of historic buildings, Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) and other mixed-use and transportation-oriented projects, which often include zoning amendments, comprehensive plan amendments, and Coastal Zone and LWRP consistency determinations, as well as SEQRA compliance issues and green building and other sustainability issues. Jennifer has a background in municipal law and has served as a Town and Village Attorney and as special counsel for numerous municipal corporations, school district/library agencies and Planning and Zoning Boards, undertaking special projects as direct actions or reviewing controversial projects.

Jennifer has also handled land use, SEQRA and municipal litigation and has argued cases in the Appellate Division and Court of Appeals. She served on the New York State Advisory Committee on Land Use Statutes during the major revision of those statutes in the state and served on the Governor's Commission on Coastal Resources as Chair of the Committee on Growth Management.

She lectures widely on land development and environmental issues and frequently participates as an instructor in training programs for local legislative, zoning and planning board members.



Education

- University of Virginia Law School, J.D.; 1971
- Vassar College, A.B.; 1968

Admissions/Courts

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- Supreme Court of the United States

Awards + Recognitions

- Super Lawyers® Upstate New York; 2010, 2012-2024
 - Top 25: Women Upstate New York Super Lawyers
 - Top 25: Hudson Valley Super Lawyers
- “AV” Preeminent rating (the highest available) from Martindale-Hubbell
- Designated by Martindale-Hubbell as “2013 Top-Rated lawyer in Land use and Zoning”
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional; 2009

Professional Associations

- New York State Bar Association, Municipal and Environmental Sections
- US Green Building Council, New York Upstate Chapter
- Dutchess County Bar Association, Judiciary Committee Chair, 1991-1992; President, 1987-1988

Community Service

- Legislative Action Committee, Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2012-present
- Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Council workgroup on Industry Clusters (Professional and Financial Services) Fall, 2011
- American Heart Association, Dutchess Ulster “Go Red for Women” Executive Leadership Team, 2009-2010
- Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors; 2004-2010