




Jeffrey M. Gradone

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Real Estate Tax Appeal

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Overview

Jeff concentrates his practice in the areas of local property tax, redevelopment and condemnation. Jeff litigates complex property tax appeals in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. He advises clients regarding property tax issues and liabilities, and pursues property tax exemptions, abatements, and other incentives for real estate development projects. Jeff also handles a variety of complex condemnation matters on behalf of property owners.

Jeff has significant experience negotiating and obtaining tax exemptions and abatements for developers under New Jersey's Long-Term Tax Exemption Law and Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law. These programs provide for payments in lieu of taxes to help minimize property tax for new development and redevelopment projects, or to locate a project in a distressed or blighted area. Through these programs, Jeff assists clients in securing property tax exemptions, which would be in effect for a set period of time. Those clients have been able to make an annual payment that was much less than what their traditional tax would have been. Jeff's clients have been able to save in real estate taxes, as well as increase the fair market value of their property.

Following law school, Jeff clerked for Judge Harold A. Kuskin of the New Jersey Tax Court, where he worked on seminal cases involving taxation of heavy industrial facilities and issues related to long-term tax abatements.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Co-Chair, New Jersey State Bar Association Property Tax Committee
- Member, Board of Trustees, D&R Greenway Land Trust
- Former Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on the Tax Court
- Past Chair, New Jersey State Bar Association Tax Law Section
- Former Trustee, Mercer County Bar Association
- Former Co-Chair, Legislative Committee of the National Association of Office & Industrial Properties (NJ-NAIOP)
- Treasurer, Princeton School Gardens Cooperative
- Member, Princeton Corridor Rotary Club

Past Speaking Engagements and Seminars

- March Business Before Business Breakfast, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce (March 2019)
- Energy Panel Discussion, NJBIZ (June 2018)
- Advanced Topics in Property Taxation, New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting (May 2016)

Credentials

Education

- Seton Hall University, JD
- Rutgers University, BA

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania

Offices

- Princeton, NJ



Areas of Focus

Practice

- Condemnation & Eminent Domain
- Real Estate Tax Appeal
- Redevelopment Law

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