

## Balin honored at Robert Moses Master Builder Gala

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Herbert Balin, partner at the East Meadow law firm of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, was honored at the 13th Annual Robert Moses Master Builder Award Gala, hosted by The Foundation for Long Island State Parks and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Carlyle on the Green-Bethpage State Park.

Balin has practiced law for more than 50 years.

One of the first attorneys to introduce planning concepts such as clustering, Balin enjoys a distinguished reputation for his work in commercial real estate, environmental law and land use. His use of urban renewal laws to create well-balanced planned communities has helped shape the region's development.

He is a member of the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee, a former director of the Nassau County Bar Association and serves as a Director of the Association for a Better Long Island.

Among his most valued professional achievements, Balin includes the creation of the law that enabled the Shelter Rock Public Library to be built and his work with the Herricks School District in the development of the senior and junior high schools, as well as the elementary school. An exceptionally active member of his community, he worked to merge the Nassau and Suffolk divisions of the American Cancer Society and served as chairman of the Nassau division and was the first chairman of the combined society. The Long Island division honored him as Humanitarian of the Year. He has served on the Board of Directors of both Hope for Youth and is currently a director of the Long Island Aquarium and a Member of the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee and was honored by The Rehabilitation Institute as Man of the Year.

Balin was reappointed by the governor and reconfirmed by the Senate as a member and chairman of the Long Island State Park, Recreation & Historic Preservation Commission in 2004, and his term will expire in June 2011.

He is admitted to practice in the state of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court; and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York.

Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP has grown into Long Island's second largest full-service law firm with offices in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Its 13 practice areas include: real estate, real property tax certiorari and condemnation, cooperative and condominium, land use and environmental law, corporate/securities, litigation, commercial lending, labor relations/employment law, bankruptcy and debtor/creditor rights, trusts and estates, elder law, municipal law/government relations, and criminal law.

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