



Forchelli Law's Tax Certiorari dept. hits milestone with 5,000th file

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Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana, LLP's Tax Certiorari department reached a milestone this month by opening its 5,000th file. The department concentrates in handling tax certiorari proceedings to challenge real estate tax assessments which results in a real estate tax refund and a reduction of future real estate taxes for its clients.

The department is headed by partner, John Terrana, who is currently serving as co-chair of the Tax Certiorari committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association and has previously served as chairman of the Tax Certiorari committee of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Terrana has published numerous articles and lectures on tax certiorari issues. He was selected for inclusion in New York's Super Lawyers and Long Island Business News listing of Who's Who in Tax Certiorari Law.

Over 25 years, the department has grown in terms of the number of people in the department, the technology and resources it has developed and the geographical areas it handles tax certiorari work in.

The department has grown from two practitioners to a team of 13. The 13 team members include attorneys, paralegals and a certified New York State Assessor. All the team members are highly trained and experienced in the field. Having a certified New York State Assessor gives the firm an additional advantage it believes no other firm has.

Over the years, the firm has developed a custom designed computer software system that allows it to handle each case effectively and expeditiously. In addition, it has acquired and developed an extensive real property data base, including detailed property record information such as ownership, inventory, sales, leasing, vacancy and expense data. Also, throughout the years, many of the firms regional and national clients asked the firm to file tax certiorari proceedings in the Upstate New York Counties.

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