



Simonic of Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana LLP: Expanded the breadth of my knowledge

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What recent project or transaction are you most proud of?

I have recently been involved in a zoning project in which I have appeared before three separate administrative boards within one municipality. This matter has presented unique legal issues, both before the administrative boards and the courts. The applications before the various administrative boards have resulted in two separate lawsuits that involved extensive motion practice at the Supreme Court and the Appellate Division levels. I have been successful at every stage of the court proceedings. As a result of this matter, I have expanded the breadth of my knowledge in my field of land use and zoning as well as broadened my approach to problem solving. It is extremely rewarding to achieve these results for my clients who fully supported my efforts throughout the process.

Who or what has been the strongest influence on your career and why?

When I graduated law school almost 23 years ago, like many of my fellow colleagues, I wondered where my legal path would take me. Upon graduating law school, I was fortunate that Jeff Forchelli hired me and gave me the opportunity to work side by side with him on a number of pivotal land use and zoning projects on Long Island. As my mentor throughout my career, Forchelli has imparted me with his wealth of knowledge in land use and zoning. As managing and founding partner of Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana, LLP, he has taught me many things, but, most importantly, how to be a leader, to be confident, and to never stop pushing myself in my career. Not only was Forchelli the strongest influence in my career, he is now my law partner and friend.

Judy Simonic concentrates her practice in the areas of zoning, land use, environmental, municipal, and real estate law. She represents national franchises, Fortune 500 companies, national corporations, large real estate development companies as well as individual real estate developers in the development of both residential and commercial properties throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

She regularly appears on behalf of her clients before municipal boards on a diversity of zoning applications such as variances, special use permits, change of zones, site plan approval, and major and minor subdivisions.

She has secured zoning approvals for Senior Housing Projects, Retail and Office Complexes, Multiple Dwelling Projects, Planned Unit Developments, Assisted Living Facilities, Equestrian facilities, Public Storage Facilities, Fitness Clubs, Public Utility Facilities, Restaurant Franchises,

among others.

Simoncic is a member of the Long Island Real Estate Group (LIREG). In 2011, she was appointed to the Options for Living Inc. Board of Directors. She was listed in Long Island Business News' "Who's Who in Women in Professional Services"; "Ones to Watch;" and "Who's Who in Real Estate."

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