



AGENDA

*Land Use Law Update
May 15, 2019*

6:30 – 7:00

Registration & Networking

7:00 – 9:00

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This two-hour seminar will provide experienced and newly admitted attorneys with an overview of recent case law and developments related to practice before and on behalf of municipal planning and zoning boards. In addition, it will provide a forum to discuss how decisions of municipal boards may be drafted to withstand challenges and appeals. It will also focus on the newly adopted New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations, and how they relate to various land use applications. Attendees will obtain an understanding of the current issues involved in representing both applicants and planning and zoning boards in the land use approval process.

Speakers:

David Steinmetz, Esq., Managing Partner, Zarin & Steinmetz

Jennifer Gray, Esq., Partner, Keane & Beane, P.C.

Linda Whitehead, Esq., Partner, McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP

David Steinmetz

David Steinmetz is a founding member and Managing Partner of Zarin & Steinmetz. He concentrates his practice in the areas of zoning, land use, real estate, environmental law and litigation. Mr. Steinmetz maintains an active practice representing numerous major developers and other clients on a wide variety of residential, commercial, mixed-use and industrial projects. He also counsels private clients, municipalities, not-for-profits and institutional entities on environmental and regulatory issues, and he supervises the firm's real estate and transactional practice. He regularly appears before planning, zoning and legislative boards processing subdivision, site plan, special permit, rezoning and other land development applications. Mr. Steinmetz has also successfully litigated numerous complex cases in state and federal court, at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Steinmetz has secured an "AV" peer rating and has been designated as a "SuperLawyer" from 2015-present. He has also been selected as one of "New York's Top Attorneys" for his zoning and land development practice. Mr. Steinmetz is frequently called upon as a continuing legal education speaker, he has served as an expert witness, and has guest lectured at area law schools.

Jennifer L. Gray

Jennifer Gray is a partner at Keane & Beane, P.C. where her practice is devoted to the areas of planning and zoning, and litigation pertaining to land use, municipal and real estate matters. Ms. Gray regularly appears before municipal boards throughout the Hudson Valley on behalf of developers, businesses, franchises, religious institutions and individuals. She also serves as counsel to local planning and zoning boards. Her litigation experience includes matters related to compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), challenges to local planning and zoning board decisions, disputes concerning real property, as well as both prosecution and defense of zoning and building code violations. Ms. Gray is a lecturer on issues related to land development and zoning for the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation, New York Planning Federation and local bar associations. Ms. Gray was selected as a "SuperLawyer" Rising Star and one of the New York Metro Region Top Women "SuperLawyers" in the field of land use and zoning. Ms. Gray was also selected by the Business Council of Westchester as one of the County's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars.

Linda B. Whitehead

Linda Whitehead is a partner in the firm of McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP. Ms. Whitehead practices primarily municipal law and land use law. She acts as Village Attorney to some of the firm's municipal clients, advising them on all aspects of municipal law. She also guides both property owners and the firm's municipal clients through complex land use approval processes, including compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act. In addition to her municipal and land use work, Ms. Whitehead heads the firm's transactional real estate practice, which represents clients in relation to the acquisition and sale, leasing and financing of all types of commercial and residential properties, and she has

been involved in the approval and financing of several affordable housing projects. She also represents a number of lenders in making complex commercial loans. Ms. Whitehead has also represented property owners in relation to cleanup of contaminated sites pursuant to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation guidelines. Ms. Whitehead regularly lectures on municipal and land use law and real estate matters.