

WHO'S WHO in Real Estate Law

Jeffrey D. Forchelli

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Jeffrey D. Forchelli founded Forchelli, Curto, Schwartz, Mineo, Carlino & Cohn LLP (FCSMC&C) in 1976. Today, the full service law firm with more than 40 attorneys has offices in Mineola and Melville.

Forchelli has served as the law firm's managing partner since its inception. He concentrates on complex real estate and land use matters including litigation and tax certiorari for major real estate developers and national corporations.

There are many things that are necessary to explore prior to signing a contract for the purchase of commercial real estate, Forchelli noted.

"However, the one thing that I would find most important, would be ensuring the inclusion of a due diligence period within which a purchaser can determine that the property can be used for its intended purpose, is capable of receiving all regulatory approvals and that it is not contaminated or suffers any other infirmity that would prohibit it from being used for its intended purpose," he said.

In 2003, Forchelli endowed his first chair at Brooklyn Law School and later endowed a second chair in honor of his father, Don Forchelli. In 2005,



Forchelli celebrated the opening of the school's Jeffrey D. Forchelli Conference Center, named in his honor. Forchelli also received the National Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Business from Wagner College, where he graduated in 1966.

Forchelli is also a graduate and a trustee of Brooklyn Law School. He is a member of the NYS and Nassau County Bar Associations and a Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation. Forchelli is also a vice chairman of the Nassau County Republican Committee and a trustee of Wagner College.

FCSMC&C's attorneys specialize in a broad range of practice areas including land use and zoning, real estate, environmental law, tax certiorari, litigation, banking and financing, commercial and corporate transactions, loan closings and bulk loan sales, tax, trusts and estates, bankruptcy and insolvency, employment and labor law, municipal law and business and personal transactions.

The firm is also supported by paralegals, law clerks, a highly skilled secretarial staff and up-to-date computer technology.

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