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Curriculum Vitae

**JOHN P. BELARDO** is a partner of the Firm and a member of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He has vast experience representing both public and private clients in the areas concerning land use and development, zoning and planning approvals, real estate transactions, municipal and environmental issues including wetlands regulations, NJDEP compliance and Mt. Laurel affordable housing. John regularly appears in state courts where he has tried cases successfully in the litigation and appellate context.

John presently serves as the Township Attorney for Bedminster and Bernards Townships in Somerset County and the Planning Board attorney for Raritan Township in Hunterdon County and for the Borough of Bound Brook. John is the attorney for the Bernards Township Sewage Authority. John previously served as the Township Attorney for Warren and Franklin Townships in Somerset County. He has long served as Associate Counsel to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

John is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association and the Maine State Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey, New York and Maine, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, the First Circuit Court of Appeals, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Tax Court and the Supreme Court of the United States.

John received his Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall Law School and his Master of Laws from New York University School of Law. He holds a Diplomate in Municipal Law from the Rutgers University Center for Governmental Services.

#### **Awards**

 Listed in Super Lawyers® (2006-2007), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of State, Local & Municipal, and Land Use/Zoning. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found <u>HERE</u> (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

#### **Industries**

Government (Federal, State & Local)

#### **Practices**

<u>Litigation</u>

<u>Municipal and Land Use</u>

Real Estate

#### **Education**

Lehigh University (B.S. 1982) Seton Hall Law School (J.D. 1985) New York University School of Law (LL.M. 1988)

#### **Admissions**

State of New Jersey

State of New York

State of Maine

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, SDNY

U.S. District Court, District of Maine

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Tax Court

## Supreme Court of the United States

### Memberships

New York State Bar Association New Jersey State Bar Association Maine State Bar Association