



# Robert M. Washburn

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Robert M. Washburn is Professor Emeritus of Law at Rutgers School of Law–Camden and Of Counsel to Flaster Greenberg. He teaches Regulation of Land Use, Real Estate Transactions and Conveyancing, Housing and Urban Development, Property, and related seminars. Mr. Washburn's practice includes general real estate and development matters, including utility law, land use, real estate contracts and financing, syndications, homeowners association and condominium law, land use litigation, legislation and ordinance drafting and review, Planned Real Estate Development Full Disclosure Act registrations, and appearances before municipal bodies and administrative agencies. Among his clients are builders, developers, and construction industry trade associations.

Mr. Washburn has been a frequent lecturer at programs sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders, the New Jersey Builders Association.

He has served on many committees of the National Association of Home Builders, including the NAHB Smart Growth Working Group, Nationwide Permit Working Group, FRT Plywood Task Force, Legal Action Committee and Litigation Subcommittee. As a member of the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA), he also has served on its Permit Reform Task Force. Mr. Washburn served on the Planning Committee of the National Judicial College, where he moderated and spoke at seminars, including "Trying and Settling Land Use Cases." He is a life member of the NJBA Board of Directors. He serves as General Counsel to the NJBA as well as to the Builders League of South Jersey (BLSJ). In 2006, the BLSJ inducted him as an associate into their "Hall of Fame." Mr. Washburn is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Legal Action Network for Development Strategies (LANDS).

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

■ Top Attorney List - Zoning & Land Use, SJ Magazine, 2017-2019

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### **Practice Areas**

Real Estate and Land Use Law

Government Relations and Regulatory Law

**Environmental Law** 

Construction Law

# **Industry Groups**

Construction

Alternative and Renewable Energy

Retail/Shopping Center

## **Admissions**

New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

#### Education

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, J.D.
  - Editor-in-Chief, Washington University Law Quarterly
  - Member, Order of the Coif
- University of Pennsylvania School of Law, L.L.M., Housing and Real Estate Development and Finance



#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Rutgers University, A.B.

- American Bar Association
  - Member, State and Local Government Section
- Camden County Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
  - Member, Land Use Law Section, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section

# **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- National Association of Home Builders
  - Member, Legal Action Committee
  - Member, Litigation Oversight Group
- National Judicial College
  - Member, Planning Committee
- New Jersey Builders Association
  - Life member, Board of Director
  - General Counsel
  - Member, Legislative Affairs Committee, Affirmative Housing Task Force,
    Performance Bond Working Group, Associate Members Hall of Fame,
    Associate of the Year
- Builders League of South Jersey
  - General Counsel
  - President, BLSJ Scholarship Foundation
  - Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Inductee, Hall of Fame
- Legal Action Network for Development Strategies
  - Member, Steering Committee

### **ARTICLES & ALERTS**

New Jersey Permit Extension Act, Extended Legal Alert (January 7, 2015)

New Jersey's Permit Extension Act to Expire December 31, 2014 Legal Alert (August 11, 2014)

For Whom the Permit Tolls: Life After the Permit Extension Act (July 10, 2014)

Housing and Community Development, Cases and Materials Carolina Academic Press, Fourth Edition (2011)



Fairness Finally Arrives—Sensible Approach To Land Use Applications Legal Alert (May 4, 2011)

Time of Application Rule Legal Alert (May 5, 2010)

Whitepaper, Legislative Initiatives to Control the Government's Use of Eminent Domain *National Association of Home Builders* (2006)

Water Wars East of the Mississippi: A Case Study in Southeastern New Jersey *National Ground Water Association* (2004)

Reasonable Investment-Backed Expectations' as a Factor in Defining Property Interest Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law, vol. 49, page 63 (1996)

An Overview of New Jersey Land Use Law *National Judicial College* (1996)

Residential Real Estate Condition Disclosure Legislation DePaul Law Review, vol. 44, page 381 (1995)

Land Use Control, The Individual, and Society: Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council *Maryland Law Review, vol. 52, page 162* (1993)