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Practice Areas

Local Government, Land Use Law &
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 Professional Responsibility

Education

New York University School of Law
 J.D., 1967
 LL.M., 1968
 Brown University
 A.B., 1964

Memberships

American Bar Association
 New York State Bar Association
 The Florida Bar
 United States Virgin Islands Bar Association
 Nassau County Bar Association

Admissions

New York State
 State of Florida
 U.S. Virgin Islands
 U.S. Supreme Court
 U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts
 of New York
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

A. Thomas Levin is a Member of the law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein P.C. located in Garden City, Long Island, N.Y. In addition to serving as General Counsel to the firm, he is Chair of the firm's Local Government, Land Use and Environmental Compliance practice and the Professional Responsibility practice. He originated and chairs the firm's Veterans' Scholarship Program at Nassau Community College. Mr. Levin represents private and public sector clients in the fields of local government law, land use regulation, environmental review compliance, cable television franchising, municipal and commercial litigation and appeals, and matters relating to professional responsibility, ethics and disciplinary proceedings.

Notable experience includes:

- Village Attorney for the Nassau County villages of Great Neck Estates, Hewlett Bay Park, North Hills, Rockville Centre, and Thomaston. Former Village Attorney for the villages of Hewlett Neck, Kensington, Lawrence, Oyster Bay Cove, Saddle Rock and Woodsburgh
- Present or former special counsel to numerous municipalities and school districts, including Nassau County, cities of Long Beach and Glen Cove, Town of Hempstead, Town of North Hempstead, Town of Brookhaven, Town of Southampton, villages of Baxter Estates, Brookville, East Williston, Freeport, Flower Hill, Garden City, Great Neck, Great Neck Plaza, Kensington, Kings Point, Lake Success, Laurel Hollow, Lawrence, Manorhaven, Mastic Beach, Munsey Park, Old Westbury, Oyster Bay Cove, Plandome, Plandome Heights, Plandome Manor, Port Jefferson, Port Washington North, Roslyn, Roslyn Harbor, Russell Gardens; Saddle Rock, Sea Cliff, Westbury, Williston Park and Woodsburgh; Bay Shore School District; Copiague School District; Hempstead School District; Hewlett-Woodmere School District; Jericho School District; Ossining School District; Rockville Centre School District; Nassau Community College; Old Westbury Gardens; Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Education, Great Neck/North Shore Cable Commission and The Public Access Television Corporation
- Village Prosecutor for the Village of Rockville Centre; Special Prosecutor for the Village of North Hills and the Village of Great Neck Estates
- Former Senior Deputy Nassau County Attorney for Appeals; former Counsel to the Nassau County Planning Commission
- Former Law Secretary to New York State Supreme Court Justice

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Mr. Levin is a former President of the 78,000 member New York State Bar Association (June 2003 – June 2004) and is a Life Member of that Association's House of Delegates. He served in various capacities as a member of the NYSBA Executive Committee from 1995 to 2005. He is currently a member of the Executive Committees of the NYSBA Local and State Government Law Section, International Section and Senior Lawyers Section. He also serves or formerly served, as Chair, member or Executive Committee Liaison to many committees of that Association, including the Law, Youth & Citizenship Committee, Special Committee on Law Firm Structure and Operations (MDP), Bylaws Committee, Committee on Legislative Policy, President's Special Committee on Access to Justice, Special Committee on Court Structure and Judicial Selection, Special Committee on Legal Issues Affecting Same Sex Couples, Special Committee on Youth Courts, and the Nominating Committee. Mr. Levin also served as New York State Bar Association representative on the New York State Independent Judicial Qualification Commission for the Tenth Judicial District.

Mr. Levin is also a Trustee of, and Counsel to, the Historical Society of the New York Courts. He is a former Trustee of the New York State Bar Foundation, and is a Sustaining Fellow of that organization and the American Bar Foundation. Formerly a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates, Mr. Levin is a former President of the Nassau County Bar Association (1991-1992), and is a Life Member of that Association's Board of Directors, a past President and Trustee of the Nassau County Bar Foundation, and a co-founder and former Vice President of the Nassau Bar Tech Center, Inc. He also has served as President of the National Caucus of State Bar Associations, Chair of the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders, member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, Governor of the Brown University Alumni Association, and President of the Brown University Club of Long Island, Inc. He is former Trustee, Secretary and General Counsel of, the Nassau Land Trust.

Since 1971, Mr. Levin has been the Editor of the "Bench Book for Trial Judges," first published by the New York State Judicial Conference and the Office of Court Administration, and now published by Thomson-Reuters. He is the author of numerous other legal articles, and a frequent lecturer on legal topics including commercial litigation, zoning and land use, civil rights law, municipal law, environmental quality review compliance, professional ethics and current professional issues.

In the public service field, Mr. Levin has been counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the New York State Assembly and the Joint Legislative Committee on the State's Economy, and has been active in numerous community and charitable organizations. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Community Foundation, Central Synagogue of Nassau County, the Nassau Symphony Orchestra, the Nassau County Legal Aid Society, the Advisory Board of the Government Law Center at Albany Law School, and the Land Use Law Center Conference Board at Pace Law School. He is a member and former Chair of the Advisory Council of Nassau/Suffolk Law Services, Inc. and currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Institute at Touro Law School. For more than forty years, he has been pro bono general counsel to the Day Care Council of Nassau, Inc. and the Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center, and represents many other not for profit organizations.

In 2019, Mr. Levin was recognized as one of the Long Island Herald's Top Lawyers of Long Island. Mr. Levin has been recognized by *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in the World*. In 2013, Mr. Levin was named an Access to Justice Champion by the Nassau County Bar Association for his dedication in providing legal representation on a pro bono basis. He was recognized by *American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel Magazine* as a "2013 Top Rated Lawyer for Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources", and in 2013 and 2014 as "Top Rated Lawyer – Land Use and Zoning". In 2013 he also received the International Municipal Lawyers Association James H. Epps III Award for Service to Municipal Clients (2013).

Since 2012 he has been annually recognized as a *New York Super Lawyer*. He also received the *Long Island Business News* 2011 Leadership in Law Award and 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2012 received the Vanguard in Diversity Award from the Metropolitan Black Bar Association for his accomplishments in promoting diversity in the legal profession. Mr. Levin is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest level in professional excellence, and was recognized by *Long Island Pulse Magazine* from 2010-2014 as one of the region's "Top Legal Eagles". In 2006 he was awarded the "Public Interest Attorney of the Year" from Touro Law Center. Mr. Levin was the May 2003 Alumnus of the Month for New York University School of Law. He was also the recipient of the "Commitment to Justice" Award presented by the Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee in 2002, and has been recognized as an "Empire State Counsel" by the New York State Bar Association annually since 2006 for the strong support he has given to pro bono services, his outstanding leadership in the legal community, and his devotion to improving the justice system on Long Island.