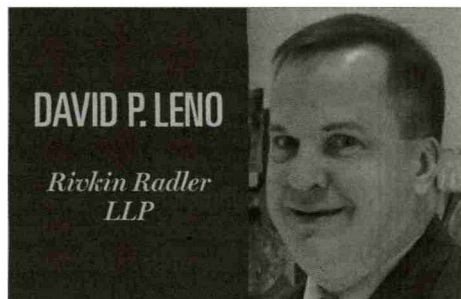


## WHO'SWHO

### in Commercial & Residential Real Estate Law



David P. Leno is a partner in the Rivkin Radler's Real Estate, Zoning & Land Use Practice Group in Uniondale. Leno advises clients on all aspects of real estate transactions. He negotiates and prepares transactional and financing documents and conducts closings for commercial and residential properties. He prepares and negotiates office, commercial, and retail leases, as well as submissions. Leno regularly appears before town boards and planning agencies across Long Island for zoning matters including variances, special use permits, and subdivision applications.

As 2017 approaches, Leno said he is looking forward to the progressive ideas that local governments will turn to in order to expedite the building permit process and promote growth.

"Long Island can only hope to improve its economic climate by increasing its tax base and creating a more inviting environment for developers and investors to provide capital," he said. "In the past, municipalities have offered density bonuses for affordable housing, greater FAR for better LEED certified projects and parking relaxations on projects built near railroad stations. These forward thinking ideas helped put a dent in the housing issues facing Long Island."

"Now, local government must focus on streamlining a process that often makes developers wait years for projects that could benefit the community and local economy today," Leno noted. "Programs

that seek to set a realistic business forward timeline on projects, promote community involvement in project planning to avoid the need for multiple divisive hearings and provide waivers of building department review on projects that are of a regional significance could all assist in the resurgence of building and development on Long Island."

Leno is admitted to practice in New York. He is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association and was appointed a member of the New York State Board of Real Estate in 2011. He was recognized as a New York Metropolitan SuperLawyer in Land Use and Zoning in 2014 and 2015. Leno earned a juris doctor from Hofstra University School of Law and a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Siena College.

Having assisted in the formation of the Chaminade Alumni Businessmen's Association, Leno remains active with the Chaminade High School Alumni Association and the Chaminade Alumni Lawyer's Association.

He is a president's council member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island and a member of the Knights of Columbus. In addition, he is an assistant scout master with Boy Scout Troop 240 in West Hempstead. Leno has also been appointed as president of Chaminade High School's Lawyer's

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A published author, Leno also lectures on zoning and land use topics and has taught several CLE programs on zoning-related issues and Industrial Development Agency (IDA) financings.

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