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Background: Chairs the Real Estate, Land Use and Development Department, with a practice primarily devoted to acquisition, development, sale and financing of real estate. With a background in business law and real property taxation, advises clients on acquisition of land, suitability for development and methods of sale and financing. Experience includes preparation and formation of various business entities suited for clients' needs. Listed in Chambers USA – America's Leading Business Lawyers 2006, and selected for inclusion in both the 2007 Best Lawyers in America (real estate law), and the 2007 New Jersey "Super Lawyers" list.

Key Issues: "Government regulation of commercial development is redundant, time consuming and costly. The state planning department should establish a policy favoring balanced development and redevelopment. That policy should be a guidance document to state agencies, counties and municipalities. Based on balanced policy, the New Jersey DOT, DEP and Department of Community Affairs could effectively administer a development project under one approval application. The County Planning Act and Municipal Land Use Law should be modified to provide for reasonable regulation. The goal is to establish a system whereby government agencies encourage development of needed commercial facilities to serve residents, citizens and business, while providing a commercial and industrial base for full employment of meaningful jobs."

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Background: Chairs the Environmental Law Department, handling all aspects of New Jersey and Federal environmental law, including permitting and litigation, CAFRA, stream encroachment, sewage disposal, wetlands and more. Also appears before planning and zoning boards and serves as environmental counsel to the NJ Builders Association and NJ Shore Builders Association. Has been involved in major litigation before New Jersey courts and the Office of Administrative Law and has argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division. Also a registered lobbyist.

Key Issues: Co-author of the New Jersey Water Law Survey, updates to the Waters and Water Rights Treatise of the Environmental Law Department environmental law section of The New Jersey Land Use and Environmental Law Treatise, and a speaker on environmental issues at numerous seminars on behalf of Chambers of Commerce, the NJ Builders Association, NJ Society of Real Estate Appraisers, Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the Essex County Bar Association, he is a leading individual in environmental law and considers the environment the key issue.

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