

BEN J. CASSARINO, JR., Esq.

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EXPERIENCE:

February 2007 to June 2016
Charlotte, North Carolina

CATELLUS GROUP, LLC

President and General Counsel

Managed a professional staff, outside counsel, professional consultants and vendors. Chief executive officer responsible for corporate oversight and compliance in all areas of company operations. Engaged in all aspects of real estate development, project management, due diligence, finance, investment, leasing, contracts with concentrations in hospitality, office, multi-family, retail, commercial and industrial.

Awarded Outstanding Solo Corporate Counsel of the Year in 2012 by the Association of Corporate Counsel and Charlotte Business Journal.

Jan. 2002 to Jan. 2007
Fort Mill, South Carolina

CONSERVATION BY DESIGN/LANG & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

Vice President and General Counsel

Management of law firm, staff, outside counsel and vendors. Corporate structure and compliance. Responsible for all aspects of development, including site selection, acquisition, contracting, due diligence, design, permitting, approvals, project management and disposition. Concentrations in coastal resort development, coastal marina development and residential land development. Managing member of law firm with a concentration in residential subdivisions and builder new home closings.

Obtained permitting and approvals on ocean front residential development with federal wetlands and endangered species on site.

Jan. 1998 to Dec. 2001
Rochester, New York

BEN J. CASSARINO, JR., ESQ.

Solo general practitioner

Concentrations in: industrial, commercial and residential real estate, commercial transactions, land use and zoning, general corporate and business counseling, real property tax litigation, land use litigation, municipal law, finance and landlord/tenant matters.

Successfully defended court challenge by citizens group to novel cluster development approved by Town Planning Board. Developed student housing project at UNCC for own account.

July 1993 to Dec. 1997
Rochester, New York

DAVIDSON, FINK COOK & GATES/ GATES & ADAMS

Associate Attorney

General practice with concentrations in: commercial and residential real estate, commercial transactions, real property tax litigation, land use litigation, commercial and industrial financing, counsel to County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency, general and corporate law.

As Underwriter's Counsel, successfully closed on \$178 million Monroe County General Obligation Bond issue.

EXPERIENCE:

August 1991 to July 1993
Rochester, New York

NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, FOURTH DEPARTMENT

Confidential Judicial Law Clerk.

Responsible for digesting complex and lengthy appellate records and briefs, researching a broad spectrum of complex civil and criminal issues and submitting confidential reports with recommended decisions to panel of appellate judges.

Drafted opinion for the Court which was ultimately published in official New York State reporter.

EDUCATION:

MAY 1991

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*

Graduated Fourth in Class of Two Hundred Twenty Six Students

Honors: Western New England Law Review

Academic Scholarship Award, American Jurisprudence Awards
in Criminal Law and Trusts & Estates

May 1988

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science

Full Semester Internship in New York State Assembly

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York State, 1992; North Carolina, 2001; South Carolina, 2002