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Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC is one of the region's most highly regarded and recognized law firms for a reason. Its commitment to recruiting the finest attorneys is surpassed only by that of providing its clients with the highest-quality legal representation, counsel and advice.

The Firm provides its clients with full-service, integrated solutions to the types of problems they face in its areas of practice. The Firm's attorneys have wide-ranging experience in various areas of the law, including the public sector. The Firm addresses a client's matter by assembling a team of attorneys who can use their collective experience to create cost-effective solutions.

The Firm has an extensive client base that includes Fortune 500 companies, prominent regional businesses, real estate developers, not-for-profits, religious institutions, and health care systems. To best serve its Long Island and New York metropolitan area clients, the Firm maintains offices in the Omni Building in Uniondale, the Chrysler Building in New York, Syosset, and Hauppauge.



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Indiana University School of Law  
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**Practice areas:** Zoning and land use, real estate law and transactions, environmental law, litigation and appeals, municipal law and legislative practice, and corporate practice



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**Practice areas:** Litigation and appeals, and corporate law



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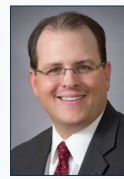
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**Practice areas:** Zoning and land use, real estate law and transactions, including acquisitions, sales, leasing and financing and related corporate transactions



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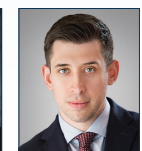
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## THE FIRM FOCUSES ITS PRACTICE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF THE LAW:

- Zoning and Land Use
- Real Estate Law and Transactions
- Litigation and Appeals
- Corporate and Securities Practice
- Environmental, Energy, and Resources
- Municipal Law and Legislative Practice
- Matrimonial and Family Law
- Trusts and Estates
- Labor and Employment Law
- Tax Certiorari and Condemnation
- Cellular and Telecommunications Law
- Criminal Defense
- Personal Injury Litigation

### ZONING AND LAND USE

The Firm's zoning and land use practice is one of the most sophisticated on **Long Island** and in **New York City**. The Firm's practice draws on the talents, knowledge, and years of experience of its attorneys in both the private and the public sectors. We represent clients in complex matters that involve many of the Firm's related practice areas, including real estate and environmental law, corporate transactions, municipal law, legislative practice, and condemnation.

The zoning and land use practice includes representing clients in a wide variety of proceedings, including:

- Subdivisions
- Zoning changes
- Use permits and special exceptions
- Variance applications
- Landmark proceedings
- Condemnation proceedings
- Economic development
- Development rights transfers

Our zoning and land use clients include Fortune 500 companies, well-known national and regional businesses, real estate developers, government agencies and individual property owners. The Firm represents many local and national owners of franchise businesses, as well as major national, regional, and local retailers and businesses. The Firm also represents not-for-profit organizations, health care systems, and religious institutions.

The Firm's attorneys appear regularly before county, town and village planning commissions and boards, zoning boards of appeal and other municipal agencies that have jurisdiction throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties regarding land use matters. The Firm's attorneys also appear regularly before agencies in the City of New York, including the Board of Standards and Appeals, City Planning Commission, Department of Buildings, Department of Transportation, and Landmarks Preservation Commission.

### REAL ESTATE LAW AND TRANSACTIONS

The Firm represents clients in commercial and residential real estate transactions. We counsel and advise clients on the sale and acquisition, financing, leasing, construction and use and development of commercial and residential real property. We also represent clients in obtaining all necessary land use approvals and permits from local, state and federal government agencies in connection with the use and development of their properties. Real estate services include:

- Pre-contract due diligence and investigation
- Entity formation and structuring
- Preparation and negotiation of contracts of sale, leases, easement agreements, restrictive covenants, license agreements, construction agreements, and financing documents
- Resolution of title issues
- Preparation of closing instruments and representation at closings

### LITIGATION AND APPEALS

The Firm represents clients in complex business, labor, employment, construction, real property, environmental, civil rights, and land use litigation in state and federal courts.

The litigation and appeals practice provides comprehensive litigation services from the inception of a case through trial and appeal. Our litigation services include the following:

- Pre-action investigation and assessment of claims and defenses
- Preparation of pleadings (complaints, answers, replies, and third-party practice)
- Preparing and responding to pre-answer motions
- All phases of pre-trial discovery, including document and e-discovery and the conducting and defending of depositions
- Motions for summary judgment
- Representation at court conferences, hearings and arguments
- Representation at trial and on appeal, if necessary
- Negotiation and structuring of settlements

### CORPORATE AND SECURITIES PRACTICE

The Firm's corporate and securities practice represents established, privately held businesses, as well as newly formed, and emerging early- and growth-stage companies, financial institutions of all types, and strategic and financial buyers and sellers in all aspects of structuring and negotiating business combinations, including mergers and acquisitions, asset and stock sales, private equity transactions, private securities offerings and financing, joint ventures, strategic partnerships and corporate reorganizations and restructurings. Our clients include regional and national businesses, real estate ventures, manufacturing companies, professional services firms, software development and emerging technology companies, franchises, and charitable and not-for-profit entities.

Our attorneys have extensive experience in:

- Day-to-day business advice
- Formation of business entities, including corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, charitable organizations and grant foundations
- Negotiating and drafting shareholder, partnership and operating agreements
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Negotiating and drafting commercial contracts of all sorts, including supply and service agreements, equipment financing and leasing agreements, distribution and supply arrangements
- Dissolution of entities
- Structuring, negotiating and closing mergers of businesses and real estate ventures
- Long-term business planning and asset management strategies
- Employer-employee relations
- Planning a client's exit or retirement strategy

## ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES

The Firm's environment, energy, and resources practice group represents and advises clients in all areas of environmental law at the federal, state, and local levels. Our Firm's legal professionals have experience representing individual, industrial, commercial, health care, and municipal clients in a full spectrum of environmental law matters, including air quality, development and siting, compliance and enforcement, hazardous waste, brownfields, and wetlands. The Firm is also well-positioned to handle the legal challenges associated with efforts to modernize and expand the existing energy infrastructure for both traditional and renewable energy sources.

### Environmental Law

Our attorneys have a comprehensive understanding of federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, and extensive experience in the field of environmental law, including:

- Agricultural management and open space preservation
- Air quality
- Brownfields and other contaminated properties
- Chemical regulation and right-to-know
- Development and facility siting and permitting
- Environmental compliance and enforcement
- Environmental due diligence
- Environmental disclosure and transactions
- Environmental and toxic tort litigation
- Environmental permitting
- Health and safety
- Pesticides
- Solid and hazardous waste
- Spills and release reporting
- Superfund and natural resource damages litigation
- Toxic substances
- Water quality and wetlands

The Firm represents clients before federal and state courts, and administrative agencies. Our attorneys also advise clients with regard to transactions that require coordination of environmental due diligence and the drafting and negotiation of environmental representations, warranties, indemnifications, and access agreements.

The Firm's attorneys also have extensive experience assisting industrial, health care, educational, commercial, developer, and public-sector clients in resolving state and federal regulatory compliance and enforcement matters.

### Energy

Our attorneys have experience working in the energy field and are uniquely qualified to advise and assist clients in developing new energy infrastructure, including matters concerning:

- Acquisition, leasing, and sale of land
- Dispute resolution
- Energy litigation
- Government approvals
- Licensing and agency coordination
- Navigation of regulations
- Renewable, alternative, and distributed energy resources
- Siting and construction

### Resources

Our attorneys represent their clients' interests in a variety of natural resource matters, including:

- Marine resources
- Water resources
- Public land and resources
- Natural resource litigation
- Open space preservation and development rights

## MUNICIPAL LAW AND LEGISLATIVE PRACTICE

The Firm's municipal law and legislative practice areas involve representation of municipal and governmental entities, as well as private clients in matters before governmental boards, authorities, agencies, and legislative bodies with regard to administrative and legislative actions affecting their interests.

The Firm's attorneys have extensive knowledge and experience in the public sector that allows the Firm to provide its clients with insightful guidance, advice, and counsel to their clients on a wide variety of issues involving municipal law, including:

- Zoning and land use planning
- Condemnation
- Eminent domain
- Real estate tax certiorari
- Telecommunications
- Compliance with environmental laws and regulations
- Issues relating to public services and utilities

## MATRIMONIAL AND FAMILY LAW

The Firm represents clients in all aspects of matrimonial and family law.

Matrimonial law services include the following matters:

- Negotiating and drafting pre- and post-nuptial agreements
- Negotiating and drafting separation agreements for uncontested and contested divorces
- Handling divorce trials from inception through conclusion
- Counseling and advising clients in matters concerning separation and divorce, custody and visitation matters, spousal maintenance, child support, and equitable distribution
- Family law services, including counseling and advising clients in matters concerning custody and visitation, child support and child support enforcement, modifications of maintenance and child support, paternity, relocation, and orders of protection

## TRUSTS AND ESTATES

The Firm offers a full array of estate planning services to suit the individual needs of each of its clients, from preparing simple wills and administration of estates and trusts to sophisticated asset protection and wealth transfer planning. The Firm's practice includes utilizing the latest developments in the law to provide its clients with planning vehicles relevant to their particular needs to achieve their objectives. These services include:

- Estate planning and administration
- Asset protection planning
- Elder law planning
- Guardianships
- Estate and trust litigation
- Estate tax preparation and disputes
- Business succession planning
- Family foundations
- Special needs trusts
- Life insurance and other estate planning trusts

## OTHER PRACTICE AREAS

In addition to the practice areas described above, the Firm offers representation in the areas of:

- Labor and employment law
- Tax certiorari and condemnation
- Cellular and telecommunications law
- Criminal defense
- Personal injury litigation

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