



Practice

Municipal

Action-oriented solutions for municipal clients

In the same way a business or individual in the private sector needs legal representation, so too does a local municipality. Jaspan Schlesinger LLP's municipal law attorneys cater to those needs by providing individualized counsel and action-oriented solutions to several municipalities across New York state. Our municipal law group handles litigation for government entities involved in an array of matters including:

- Article 78 Proceedings
- Challenges to Municipal Code Provisions
- Equal Protection and Due Process Claims
- Declaratory Judgment Actions
- CERCLA Claims
- Challenges to Real Property Taxes
- Inter-Municipal Disputes

In addition to regularly representing municipal clients in litigation, our municipal law attorneys act as counsel to various government boards. This representation includes regular attendance at board meetings to provide counsel on issues related to code interpretation and procedural requirements.

Our municipal attorneys also have extensive experience drafting code amendments and local laws for government entities.

Attorneys



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Case studies

Litigation Concerning Municipal Financial Obligations

We successfully pursued a lawsuit on behalf of a town against a county assessor, wherein the original plaintiff refused to name the county assessor as a defendant. Based upon our arguments, the court determined that the county assessor was responsible to indemnify the town as a matter of law.

State Court

We currently represent a town in an action challenging a county's method of determining the town's financial responsibility to the county for town residents attending community colleges. The action concerns interpretation of the New York State Education Law.

Defense of Municipal Officials

We successfully defended a town attorney in a federal action seeking to hold him personally liable for a stop-work order issued to prevent the alleged illegal clearing of a parcel without proper permits.