



## Warren E. Berbit

### **Partner**

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Warren E. Berbit specializes in education and municipal law, counseling clients in a variety of land use, litigation, education, labor and employment, and environmental matters. His clients include public school districts and libraries, colleges and university boards of education, private and specialized schools, education-related associations, as well as local municipalities and communities.

Warren has been General Counsel to the Clarkstown Central School District since 1978. He helped form the Village of Montebello in 1986, and has served as that municipality's village attorney since its incorporation. Warren has also served as a consultant to other villages, villages-in-formation and to towns.

Warren previously was a partner in Lexow, Berbit & Assoc., P.C., which merged with Jaspan Schlesinger LLP in 2014. He first began practicing law in 1974 with the predecessor firm, Lexow & Jenkins, for which he also previously served as a law clerk.

Before beginning his law career, Warren was an electrical engineer and helped design a classified navigation system for the military. He test flew with the system for three years during the Vietnam era, during which time he rose to senior engineer at the Sperry Gyroscope Co., and then continued at that level with Bendix Corp.

## Education

Fordham Law School

New York University

City College School of Engineering

## Recent Experience

Obtained a landmark ruling that the tax-exempt status of an offerer must be taken into account upon the sale of excess real property by a school district.

Successfully argued for the nullification of reverter clauses in public property deeds.

Obtained a ruling establishing that the position of registered nurse is distinct from the position of school nurse despite the “50% test”.

Successfully defended school districts against claims by students of entitlement to a religious exemption from New York State immunization requirements.

## Admissions

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2d Cir.

U.S.D.C., Eastern District of New York

U.S.D.C., Southern District of New York

## Affiliations & Appointments

Judicial Screening Committee of the Rockland County Bar Association, Member

Suffern Free Library, Trustee and Vice President

Legal Aid Society, Director