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### Practices

Land Use  
Real Estate  
Redevelopment  
Cannabis Law \*

### Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1980  
B.A., Union College, 1977

### Admissions

New Jersey, 1980  
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1980

### Memberships

American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Fellow (2019-Present)  
New Jersey State Bar Association  
Land Use Section, Board of Directors, Past Chair

Steven J. Tripp is co-chair of the Land Use team and has been a shareholder at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. since 1988. He focuses his practice on land use and redevelopment, regularly appearing before planning boards, zoning boards of adjustment and municipal governing bodies, as well as county and state agencies. He handles all aspects of the land development process, including site plans, subdivisions, variances, access permits, areas in need of redevelopment determinations and redevelopment plans. He negotiates agreements with governmental entities relating to the development of land. His practice encompasses all types of development projects in various industry sectors including commercial, office, industrial, warehouse, healthcare and residential.

Mr. Tripp's litigation practice includes actions in lieu of prerogative writs involving decisions of planning boards, zoning boards of adjustment and other governmental entities, as well as challenges to municipal ordinances and governmental actions regarding the redevelopment process.

Mr. Tripp also counsels both developers and financial institutions in connection with due diligence reviews relating to the permitting and approval process and its impact on land acquisition and financing.

Mr. Tripp is a frequent lecturer and a panelist in Institute for Continuing Legal Education programs and seminars before a variety of organizations, on land use and related topics. Since 2010, he has been a contributing author of *Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey*.

Mr. Tripp has been a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) since 2019. Mr. Tripp has been consistently ranked by *Chambers USA* since 2014 and has been distinguished with a Band 1 ranking since 2021. Since 2011, he has been selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* list for Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, and Real Estate Law, including as "Lawyer of the

Year" in 2015 and 2022 for Land Use and Zoning Law and in 2013 for Litigation – Land Use and Zoning. In addition, he has been selected for inclusion in the New Jersey *Super Lawyers* list for Land Use and Zoning from 2005-2022.

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