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Mitch Korbey is a partner, and chair of the firm's Land Use & Zoning Group. Mitch is an accomplished urban planner and land use attorney with more than 30 years of experience in private practice and government service. Mitch is a former Commissioner of the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), a former director of the Department of City Planning's (DCP) Brooklyn office, and a former deputy director of DCP's Staten Island office.

Mitch has been recognized by *Chambers USA* and *Legal 500* as one of New York City's leading zoning lawyers for many years. He advises clients on a wide range of issues, including site acquisitions and assemblages, site development options, zoning lot mergers and development rights transfers, as well as applications for zoning variances, special permits and other discretionary approvals from the BSA, DCP, Department of Buildings, Landmarks Preservation Commission, and other agencies.

Mitch also regularly counsels prominent developers, owners and lenders on the management of millions of square-feet of New York City real estate. In doing so, he navigates the complexities of the City's byzantine zoning resolution – guiding clients to the most efficient intersection of their business goals and what the rules will allow. He also keeps clients abreast of political headwinds that could impact their properties or development plans.

Mitch is an adjunct professor of law at Brooklyn Law School, and an adjunct with Hunter College's graduate program in urban planning.

Services

- Land Use & Zoning
- Real Estate
- Government Relations
- Not-for-Profits
- Affordable Housing & Community Development
- Real Estate Tax Incentive Programs
- Real Estate Hospitality
- Industrial Property Transactions and Redevelopment

Education

- Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 2003)
- Cornell University (M.R.P.)
 - City and Regional Planning
- Suffolk University

Recognitions and Accolades



- *Chambers USA* - Real Estate: Zoning & Land Use (2012 - 2023)
- *Legal 500* - Recommended Lawyer - Real Estate & Real Estate: Land Use/Zoning (2021 - 2023)
- *City & State New York* - Real Estate Power 100 (2021 - 2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® - Land Use and Zoning Law and Real Estate Law (2016 - 2024)
- Schneps Media - Power Lawyers (2021)
- *Thomson Reuters New York Metro Super Lawyers* - Land Use/Zoning (2012 - 2023)[Award Methodology](#)

Memberships & Associations

- New York State Bar Association
 - Land Use, Green Development and Environmental Committee
- Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY)
- Architecture Institute of America
 - Historic Buildings Committee
- Cornell Association of Planners