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Raymond Levin is special counsel in Herrick's Land Use & Zoning Group advising clients on all aspects of zoning legal issues, including applications for zoning changes, special permits and innovative zoning text amendments from the City Planning Commission, determinations from the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and other discretionary approvals from public authorities, city and state agencies.

Working with some of the leading developers in New York City, Ray's recent clients include Two Trees Management, Heritage Equity Partners, The Rabsky Group, The Leser Group and Rubenstein Partners among many others.

Ray has had a long and varied career in city government, starting as a planner in the Brooklyn Borough office of the Department of City Planning, and serving as Director of the Coney Island Planning and Development Office. He also served as Counsel and Board of Estimate representative for Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden.

Ray is on the board of directors of the DUMBO Business Improvement District and on the board of Colt Coeur an innovative theater company based in Brooklyn. Ray has also chaired several committees and subcommittees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Prior to joining Herrick, Ray worked at Slater & Beckerman, P.C. and previously was with Wachtel Masyr & Missry.

#### Services

- Real Estate
- Land Use & Zoning

#### Education

- Brooklyn Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1984)
- City University of New York, City College (B.A., 1970)
  - Bachelor of Architecture

#### Memberships & Associations

- Board of Directors, DUMBO Business Improvement District
- Board of Directors, Colt Coeur
- New York City Bar Association

#### Matters

[Fleet Center - Zoning Approved for 14 Stories in Brooklyn](#)

Represented Fleet Center, Inc. in obtaining approval of a zoning map amendment by the New York City Council to modify the decision by the City Planning Commission restoring our client's proposed building to 14-stories with over 200,000-sq.-ft. for planned community facility and office uses.

#### Real Estate Developer - Government Relations

Represented major real estate developer in connection with government relations interface, approvals and lobbying issues.

#### Artis Senior Living LLC - NYC Land Use and Zoning

Represent Artis Senior Living LLC, national long term care operators, on property review and zoning regulations related to potential development in New York City.

#### Rubenstein Partners and Acme Smoked Fish - Zoning Guidance

Represent the joint venture between Rubenstein Partners and the famous Acme Smoked Fish company as they develop a new factory as part of a mixed office/retail development at 18 Wythe Avenue.

#### Domino Refinery Building - Special Permit Modification

Obtained approval from the City Planning Commission of a minor modification of a special permit in connection with the Domino Sugar Development on the Williamsburg waterfront. The City Planning approval, along with a previously granted Landmarks Preservation Commission approval, will allow for the historic facades of the Domino Refinery building to be preserved within a 14-story 195-foot tall dramatic glass barrel-vault.