

Susan R. Rubright

Member

Real Estate, Environmental and Land Use

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Susan Rubright is a detail-oriented, dedicated, and thoughtful attorney with a thorough understanding of all aspects of real estate and real estate development. She has the ability to place development and zoning issues into the transactional context, including due diligence, purchase agreements and leases, land use, environmental permitting, and construction costs/timing. She has comprehensive experience with commercial developers and individuals in obtaining development (site plan, subdivision, and zoning variance) approvals. Representative clients include apartment, multifamily, and single-family home builders; churches and religious organizations; cooperative sober living residences (CSLRs); national pharmacy stores; hotel developers; solar companies; retail centers; national renal dialysis centers; and other medical providers. Susan also takes pride in solving land use and municipal problems for individuals, small business owners, and non-profit groups.

Susan understands the redevelopment process from multiple angles. She works with redevelopers in pursuing redevelopment designations and related approvals. She has represented planning boards in the process for designating areas “in need of redevelopment” and reviewing the related redevelopment approvals and agreements. She has also sought the removal of properties from inclusion in a redevelopment area.

Susan counsels public and private clients on complex matters such as affordable housing, rezonings, environmental permitting, the Highlands Act, code compliance, farmland preservation and the Right to Farm Act, open space acquisition, and the Open Public Records Act (OPRA).

INDUSTRIES

- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*
- Rutgers University, MCRP
- University of New Hampshire, B.S.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

AWARDS



Martindale-Hubbell®, Distinguished Award

2020

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Land Use Board (Vice Chair 2018-2019), (Chair 2020-2021)
- Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Master Plan Re-examination Committee, (2013 – 2015)
- Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Environmental Commission (1978 – 1982)
- Cedars at Basking Ridge Condominium Association, Vice President (1993 – 1996)
- Member, Florida Bar Association
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association
- Metropolitan Builders & Contractors (2008 – 2023), Member, Board of Directors (2011 – 2016), Associate Vice President (2015 – 2016)
- New Jersey Bar Association, Land Use Law Section (1995 – present)
- New Jersey Builders Association, Legislative Affairs Committee (2010 – 2016)
- New Jersey Planning Officials (2003 – present) Associate Counsel (2009 – 2014) Assistant Counsel (2015 – present)
- Somerset County Bar Association (2013 – present), Co-chair Real Estate Committee (2015 – 2017)
- Somerset County Office on Aging Advisory Council (2008 – 2011)
- Somerset County Federation of Republican Women (2002 – 2021), Vice President (2010 – 2012)
- Staff planner for the Somerset County Planning Board (1978 – 1982)
- Volunteer, animal rescue groups
- Professional dog trainer

Insights

Newsletters - *January 30, 2026*
The 2026 Brach Eichler Real Estate Client Brief

Blogs - *November 4, 2025*
Cannabis Laws in New Jersey – Frequently Asked Questions

Newsletters - *April 17, 2025*
Litigation Quarterly Advisor – Spring 2025

Blogs - *September 13, 2024*
Self-Certification Program for Design Professionals Approved in NJ

Blogs - *September 10, 2024*
New Jersey Appellate Division Invalidates Ordinance Requiring 55+ Home Ownership

Blogs - *April 17, 2024*
Guidance Provided by DCA for Calculating the Electric Vehicle (EVCS) Parking Set-Aside Requirement

Articles - *February 10, 2023*
Preserved Farms May Now Hold up to 26 Special Events Per Year

Articles - *February 1, 2023*
Rutgers Spearheads New Parking Survey for Residential Development

B|E in the News - *July 12, 2022*
(VIDEO) Objector witnesses testify on pedestrian traffic, safety on Cold Brook Road

Events - *April 7, 2022*
The Somerset County Bar Association's ("SCBA") Inaugural Land Use Symposium and Basic Course in Land Use Law and Planning w/Susan R. Rubright
Saturday April 9th, 2022 from 7:30am to 2:30pm @ Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ