



SCOTT G. COLLINS

Practice Areas

Litigation

Governmental Affairs

Eminent Domain Law

Areas of Emphasis

Land Use

Regulatory Compliance

Real Property Tax

Overview

Scott G. Collins is Counsel in the firm's Governmental Affairs Group. His practice focuses on land use, redevelopment, State and local government law, as well as eminent domain and real property tax litigation.

His practice encompasses all aspects of land development and redevelopment. He has presented site plan, subdivision and use variance applications before municipal land use boards throughout the State. Scott has also represented municipal land use agencies and served as counsel to the West Caldwell Township Planning Board from 2004 to 2010. He has litigated municipal and State land use approvals on behalf of both property owners and municipalities.

Riker Danzig serves as special counsel to the Fort Monmouth Economic



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Revitalization Authority ("FMERA") for municipal law matters. In this capacity, Scott provides legal representation and advice to FMERA in connection with municipal, transportation, utilities, historic preservation, land use law matters as well as real estate transactional counseling involving the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth, an approximately 1300 acre army facility that was closed in 2011.

Riker Danzig serves as counsel to the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority ("CRDA"). Scott has provided counsel and advice to CRDA in the implementation of the Atlantic City Tourism District Act, which transferred zoning and land use jurisdiction to CRDA in the Atlantic City Tourism District. He has assisted CRDA in developing a Tourism District Master Plan, land use regulations and procedures to hear land use applications for properties within the Atlantic City Tourism District. He has served as counsel to the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority land use hearing officer since 2011.

Scott regularly appears before State administrative agencies to obtain land development and related approvals. He has considerable experience representing clients before the NJ Department of Transportation, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and various other State administrative agencies.

Scott has been responsible for numerous eminent domain proceedings on behalf of the NJ Turnpike Authority in connection with roadway expansions, as well as NJ Transit Authority in connection with the acquisition of property rights needed for the proposed Trans-Hudson Tunnel. He has also handled eminent domain proceedings on behalf of condemning authorities pursuant to the Local Housing and Redevelopment Law.

Scott also has expertise in real property tax litigation. He has represented both taxpayers and taxing authorities in appeals to County Boards of Taxation and the Tax Court of New Jersey. He has also litigated farmland assessment claims on behalf of property owners and tax exemption issues on behalf of hospitals, charities and not-for-profit organizations. Scott was special real estate taxation counsel in Evesham Township from 2009 –

2010. He has also served as special real estate counsel for the Borough of Chatham since 2017.

Scott formerly served as an intern for Hon. Susan Scott of the New Jersey Superior Court, Chancery Division. *Best Lawyers in America*®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, has included Scott on its “Ones to Watch” list in the field of Land Use and Zoning Law for 2021. The “Ones to Watch” awards are recognitions given to attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Scott was named to *Morris/Essex Health & Life* magazine’s “Top Lawyer” list for 2020 for his Government and Administrative work and in 2019 for his work in Land Use and Governmental Affairs. Attorneys were selected for inclusion on the list by an online peer-voting process. The top vote-getters in selected areas were included on this list. Thomson Reuters included Scott on its Super Lawyers “Rising Star” list in 2009, 2010, and 2012 - 2013. See [Awards and Honors Methodology](#).

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Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1999

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